

True Discipleship
Matthew 16:21-28

INTRODUCTION: *In our passage today Jesus for the first time tells His disciples plainly what _____ Him in Jerusalem.*

A. *It was not the first awareness that He Himself had of these things, but it was the first time that He made them _____ so clearly to the disciples.*

B. *There was a divinely appointed _____ about the things that Jesus had said were about to occur to Himself.*

I. Here, we find one of the _____ stories in the Gospel of Matthew.

A. *Peter dares to _____ the Lord.*

B. *I believe that this was a moment of _____ for our Lord.*

1. *I don't believe Jesus was meaning to say that Peter was Satan but that Jesus was realizing that Peter was being _____ by Satan.*

C. *There is a price to pay for following Jesus. There is a _____ to discipleship.*

II. What does a disciple _____ like?

A. A disciple is _____ to following God's plan, not his own.

III. A disciple is _____ to pay the price.

A. The Christian life is a life of saying "_____" to me and "_____" to God.

B. Take up your _____.

1. Taking up your cross is a _____, it's an attitude, it's a _____.

C. Then _____ you take up your cross "Follow me."

IV. A disciple _____ up what he cannot keep to _____ what he cannot lose.

A. The Christian life involves taking _____.

CONCLUSION: The return is _____ more than the investment — but the investment is _____, nonetheless.