

**SO YOU DESIRE TO FOLLOW JESUS...**  
**WHAT DOES JESUS REQUIRE?**  
**Matthew 16:24-28**

- I. KNOW...FOLLOWING JESUS WILL COST YOU EVERYTHING NOW:** Jesus makes it clear to His disciples, that those who desire to follow Him must give up their lives and follow Him **(24)**
- A. Those who desire to follow Him **MUST DENY SELF** (24a)
  
  - B. Those who desire to follow Him **MUST BE WILLING TO SUFFER, EVEN DIE FOR HIM** (24b)
  
  - C. Those who desire to follow Him **MUST CONTINUALLY FOLLOW (Obey) HIM** (24B)
- II. KNOW...IF YOU LOSE YOUR SINFUL LIFE FOR HIS SAKE NOW, YOU GAIN ETERNAL LIFE:** Jesus reveals through a paradox that those who keep their sinful lives loose them and those who give them up for Him gain eternal life **(25)**
- A. Those who desire to save their sinful lives will lose them (25a)
  
  - B. Those who desire to follow Jesus and thus lose their lives for Jesus sake will find eternal life (25b)
- III. BE WARNED...FOLLOWING SINFUL SELF WILL COST YOU EVERYTHING ETERNALLY:** Jesus reveals those who desire to keep their current sinful lives, no matter how profitable, will lose their souls in eternal judgment **(25a 26-27)**
- IV. BE ENCOURAGED...FOLLOWING JESUS LEADS TO GLORY:** Jesus encourages His disciples, giving some the promise of a taste of His Kingdom glory before death **(28)**