

The Book of Mark:

The Proclamation and the Pivot

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

*²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."*

*³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.
Mark 8:22-30 (NIV)*

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

*³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."
Mark 8:31-33 (NIV)*

What kind of Christ will Jesus be? A _____ one.

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[1] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:22-26 (NIV)

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Romans 5:9 (NIV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save

it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)

Jesus gives us two conditions for following Him:

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For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin..

Romans 6:6 (NIV)

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

! Take up your _____.

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

What does this mean???

A. Denying our _____.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:24 (NIV)

B. Patience in _____.

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NIV)

C. _____.

"Therefore, everyone who ^[x]confesses Me before people, I will also confess ^[y]him before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before people, I will also deny him before

My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33 (NASB)