

# Sermon Notes

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## The Cost & Benefit of Following Jesus

Matthew 16:24-27

Christian Sanich, 5/11/2014

Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

“If anyone wants to come after Me, **he must deny himself** and **he must take up his cross**, and he must (continually) follow Me.”

Why it is worth it to make these choices to follow Jesus

“Whoever may want to save his life will loose it.”

“But whoever may loose his life for My sake will find it.”

“What will it profit a person if he may gain the whole world but his life may be ruined-to-loss?”

“Or what will a person give in exchange for his life?”

“For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father, with the His angels, and then He will repay each according to his action.”

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

## **Application questions for 5/11/2014 sermon Matthew 16:24-27**

Have you made the decisions to deny yourself and take up your cross to be prepared to follow Jesus? Or said differently, have you made the decision that you will do what Jesus wants instead of what you want even if it causes difficulty and even suffering?

Do you really believe that ALL things considered this is the best choice?

If so, why do you say that? What reasons would you give?

Why is pursuing material gain, and what most people consider happiness not the way to go? What did Jesus say, and do you agree?

Do you believe that Jesus is coming back again some day?

Do you trust that He is going to reward those who have lived for Him?

Do you think much about those rewards?

Are those rewards really incentivizing to you?

What do you believe is the direction of your life, pursuing what a lot of other people pursue, or consciously pursuing what Jesus wants for you?

**Bonus:**

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?