

Surrendering to Jesus

Then He said to them all, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. (Luke 9:23)

Text: Luke 9:18-27

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Surrender should follow when you...

1. _____ who Christ really is (vs. 9:18-20)
 - A. The most important question that you can ever answer - for the here and now and for your future - is who is Jesus Christ.
 - B. Many today are saying the same things about Jesus that the people in Luke's day were saying.
 - C. Peter correctly called Jesus the "Christ." This is the greek term for the hebrew word "Messiah." It means anointed one and savior.

2. Study His _____ (vs. 9:23-27)
 - A. Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone yet that he was the messiah - because it would have led to the cross too soon.
 - B. The work of Christ in the Gospel is clearly shown in this passage - that Christ would die and be raised on the third day.

3. Submit to His _____ (vs. 9:23-27)
 - A. Discipleship, as Jesus defines it, requires three things:
 1. Denying yourself
 2. Taking up your cross daily
 3. Following Him.
 - B. Submission is an unconditional surrender of all that you are to Jesus.

Questions for Application

- 1. What was Jesus doing when He was alone with His disciples? (9:18)**
- 2. Who did the crowd think Jesus was? (9:19)**
- 3. Who spoke up when Jesus brought up the question of His identity? (9:20)**
- 4. What was Jesus' reaction to the statement by Peter? (9:21)**
- 5. What kind of future did Jesus predict for Himself? (9:22)**
- 6. How often is our allegiance to Christ demanded? (9:23)**
- 7. What are the conditions for discipleship with Jesus? (9:23)**
- 8. What kind of commitment does discipleship require? (9:24-25)**
- 9. What did Jesus say would happen to anyone who is ashamed of Him and His words? (9:26)**
- 10. With what prediction did Jesus conclude His admonition to the disciples? (9:27)**
- 11. How would you answer Jesus today if He asked, "Who do crowds say I am?"**
- 12. In what situations would you be uncomfortable stating plainly that Jesus is the Christ of God?**
- 13. Why do you suppose that Jesus strictly warned His disciples not to tell anyone about His heavenly identity?**
- 14. What celebrities recently seem to have "gained the whole world" yet lost or forfeited their very selves?**
- 15. In what ways can you lose your life for Jesus?**
- 16. What situations this week might call for you to speak out about Jesus' identity?**
- 17. How can you pray this week to help you talk about Jesus with others?**
- 18. With whom can you pray this week for the purpose of denying yourself and following Jesus?**