



**Sunday, July 18th**  
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**"Gaining the World but Losing Your Soul"**

**Matthew 16:24–28**

*The Gospel According to Matthew*

**I. Anyone who would follow Jesus—like Jesus—must die to self (v. 24)**

Matthew 16

*<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

**A. Because of the paradox of self-absorption vs. self-abandonment (v. 25)**

*<sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

**B. Because of the paradox of this world's evanescence vs. your soul's eternity (v. 26)**

*<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?*

**C. Because of the paradox of agony and glory (vv. 27–28)**

*<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."*

## **How I see the Flow of Matthew 14–16:**

A. Herod reflects on murdering John the Baptist (Matt 14:1–12)

B Jesus miraculously heals and feeds thousands (Matt 14:13–21; 34–36)

C The Disciples are afraid and confused (Matt 14:22–27)

D Peter has remarkable willingness, but “little faith” (Matt 14:28–33)

E The JRL reject Jesus in favor of man-made tradition (Matt 15:1–20)

F. The Canaanite Woman’s “Great Faith” (Matt 15:21–28)

B1 Jesus AGAIN miraculously heals and feeds thousands (Matt 15:29–39)

E1 The JRL demand a sign from Jesus (Matt 16:1–4)

C1 The Disciples still don’t understand (Matt 16:5–12)

D1 Peter, again, gets it, but doesn’t quite get it (Matt 16:13–23)

A1 \*\* Jesus teaches on true discipleship (Matthew 16:24–28)