

What Kind of Messiah?

Matthew 16:21-28

Stage 1 Learning

Creation → Fall → God's people & Messiah → Re-Creation

Stage 2 Learning

God's people fall short

All hope is put on the Messiah

The Messiah is Jesus (Matthew 16:13-19)

Matthew 16:21

Stage 3 Learning

The Messiah (Jesus) must suffer and die on the cross before being raised to glory

Matthew 16:22-23

Matthew 16:24-27

Stage 4 Learning

Jesus' disciples must also suffer and take up their cross before being raised to glory

Matthew 16:28

And God will give glimpses of Glory



And THEN He received overwhelming glory
Which He longs for us to enjoy also

Praise God for glimpses of glory

Be super cautious of “merely human thinking”

Doing what ‘makes sense’ can align us with Satan

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Where might “merely human thinking” be leading us away from Jesus and His ways?
2. What does it look like to listen carefully to Jesus, especially when what he teaches goes against our ideas? Is there a change you need to make to hear Him better?
3. For God's people today in our own settings, what does it mean to “deny myself, take up my cross and follow Jesus”?
4. What is a step you will take to follow Jesus more fully?

Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

Jesus of Nazareth was a great teacher, and there are very credible reports of great miracles that He did, yet He died as a shameful criminal. How do you make sense of that?

The Big Idea

Following Jesus

requires self-denial and involves hardship now
and leads to overwhelming glory
when we see Jesus

What are we to do?

Listen carefully to Jesus

We CANNOT maximize earthly values and eternal good
We must either deny ourselves or deny Christ

Follow Jesus fully

Jesus lived what He taught

He made Himself nothing, obeying to death

Timeline for Humanity

Stage 4 learning

