

Walking in God's Paths

Matthew 17:22-23

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The disciples' journey in Matthew

1) Follow Jesus

“Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”
Matthew 4:19-20

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The disciples' journey in Matthew

1) Follow Jesus

2) Know that Jesus is the Son of God

Jesus asked: "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." "Blessed are you..." Matthew 16:15-16

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The disciples' journey in Matthew

1) Follow Jesus

2) Know that Jesus is the Son of God

3) Know that Jesus will suffer and die, then be raised to life

"From that time on, Jesus began to explain that he must... suffer... die... on the third day be raised to life."

"Disciples must deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow me"

Matthew 16:21: Denial

Matthew 17:22-23: Grief

Matthew 20:17-19: Seeking greatness in His Kingdom (!)

Matthew 26:1-2: Indignant over anointing for burial (!)

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The disciples' journey in Matthew

- 1) Follow Jesus
- 2) Know that Jesus is the Son of God
- 3) Know that Jesus will suffer and die, then be raised to life
- 4) Meet Jesus who is risen from the dead**
 - "They worshiped him" Matthew 28:17
 - "Go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19

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Matthew 17:22-23

²² When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life."

And the disciples were filled with grief.

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The Big Idea

**In Christ, trouble is part of the journey
until there is overwhelming
and unending joy in God's presence**

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John 16:33

"I have told you these things,
so that in me you may have peace.
In this world **you will have trouble.**
But take heart! **I have overcome the world.**"

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Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever loses their life for me will find it.**"

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- Though trouble is part of the journey,
trouble is never the end of the journey in Christ
- Trouble can open the door
to deeper fellowship with God

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Fellowship with God as we persevere

- "deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24
- "If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you." 1 Peter 4:14
- "Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming." 1 Peter 1:13

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*Cast your cares on the LORD
and he will sustain you ;
he will never let
the righteous be shaken.
PSALM 55:22*