

Matthew 16:21-28

v21 – disciples	(noun)	followers of Jesus who lived and travelled with him and learned from him
v21 – Jerusalem	(proper noun)	the capital of Israel
v21 – elders	(noun)	older men who were heads of the leading families who were given some authority in Jewish society
v21 – chief priests	(noun)	the leaders of the priests. Priests were men from the tribe/family of Levi, called by God to be the religious leaders to do some important jobs.
v21 – teachers of the law	(noun)	also called scribes. Men who provided religious instruction to the Jewish people.
v22 – rebuke	(verb)	speak to someone in a severe way because you think they have done something wrong
v23 – Satan	(proper noun)	the enemy of God and his people
v23 – stumbling block	(noun)	a behaviour, situation or attitude that causes someone to sin
v24 – deny himself	(phrase)	refuse to let yourself have what you want
v24 – cross	(noun)	a wooden structure used during the time of the Roman Empire to kill criminals. Being killed on a cross was the most humiliating and painful way to die. Jesus was killed on a cross.
v26 – forfeits	(verb)	gives up willingly
v27 – Son of Man	(title)	a title Jesus used to refer to himself

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²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples what would happen to him. He told them he must go to Jerusalem. There he must suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He must be killed and on the third day rise to life again.

²²Peter took Jesus to one side and began to scold him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This will never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are standing in my way. You do not have in mind the things God cares about. Instead, you only have in mind the things humans care about."

²⁴Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me. ²⁵Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? Or what can anyone trade for their soul? ²⁷The Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory. His angels will come with him. And he will reward everyone in keeping with what they have done.

²⁸"What I'm about to tell you is true. Some who are standing here will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."