

**August 22, 2021**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

**Matthew: Following the King of Kings**  
*“Saving Your Life”*

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. THE SUFFERING**

**2. IMITATING GOD**

## Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Do you ever feel like there is a kind of “lack” in your soul someplace? Like things just aren’t right? What do you think that that is? Where does it come from?
2. Pastor suggested that what Jesus is pointing to in this section of Matthew is true holiness. Do you think that’s right? What is holiness?
3. Read Matthew 5:3. What is “poverty of spirit” and how does it relate to what Jesus is saying here in Matthew 16:21-28?
4. Why did Jesus have to suffer? What was accomplished? How do we imitate that?
5. Why did Jesus say to Peter, *“Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man?”*
6. What kinds of things would fall under the category of “setting our minds on the things of man?” What should we be about instead?
7. Discuss, “Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.” What is Jesus demanding?
8. Read 16:25-27 again. What is the promise? What is the warning?