

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS
Part Three

Text: Matt. 16:13-28

I. THE _____ OF THE CROSS (vs. 13-17, 20)

1. A Powerful _____ (vs. 13-17)

- Jesus is not just John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah; but “the” (one and only) _____ of the living God.

2. A _____ Prohibition (vs. 20)

- He charged them not to tell because they still didn’t _____ His work.

II. THE _____ OF THE CROSS (vs. 18-19)

1. To _____ a building called the church.

2. To open the _____ of heaven and hell.

- Delivering souls from eternal _____ and introducing people to true _____ in Christ

III. THE _____ OF THE CROSS (vs. 21-23)

1. Christ’s exact and _____ prediction

- “From that time forth” = Here and many times thereafter:
 - 17:9, 22-23; 20:17-19; 21:38-42; 26:10-12, 31-32
- The exactness of the prophecy also showed that what happened to Christ was no _____ but exactly what the Father willed (Acts 2:23-24).

2. Peter’s _____ objection

- Peter’s motives were both _____ and self-centered.
- Application: One of Satan’s most effective deceptions = you can have Christ without a cross.
 - Things of men = _____ things.
 - Things of God = _____ things.
- Question: Who is _____ of your life? You can tell by what you “savor.”

IV. THE _____ OF THE CROSS (vs. 24-28)

- To “_____” your life.
 - Losing your life for Christ’s sake = turning your back on your life in this world.
 - Finding your life = finding the eternal, abundant life of Christ.
- The other possibility = to lose the life you tried to save.
 - “Will save” = _____, desires to save.
 - Same as gaining the _____.

CONCLUSION

- We can be so glad that our Lord was the _____ to travel the road of the cross!
- Which road will you take? The popular or less traveled by? The world’s way or Christ’s?