

Taking Up the Cross

Matthew 16:21-27

Main Point:

Jesus took up His cross for you; now take up your cross for Him.

1. As the Christ, Jesus had a cross to take up.
2. As a member of Christ's church, you too have a cross to take up.
3. Since Jesus took up His cross for you, take up your cross for Him.

John Legg “Denying ourselves means setting aside our rights and preferences for the sake of Christ – saying ‘No’ to ourselves and our wishes. We must be ready to sacrifice anything in order to live as Christ’s disciples ...”

Matthew 4:8-9 ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (NKJV)

RP Pastor “Like Jesus, you must look beyond the cross and to the crown.”