

Taking Up the Cross

Matthew 16:21-27

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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.

Quotations and Cross-References

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.”