

*Mark 8:31-38*

A. Christ’s Journey to the Cross v31-33

* He must go to Jerusalem
* The Christ of the Joyful Face
* The Christ of the Vibrant Face
* The Christ of the Compassionate Face
* The Christ of the Steadfast Face
* He must go to the Cross v31
* The Cross will bring about His astonishing Victory
* An Unwelcome Interruption v32-33

B. Our Journey to the Cross v34-38

* You must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus
* The Paradox of the Kingdom: You must Crucify your life and Die in order to Live

What did it mean to Jesus’ 1st century listeners when He said, “Take up your Cross”? The literal meaning is to put yourself under the authority of the Crucifier. He takes one existence away and gives you another. He takes your life away and gives you death.

What does it mean for us in 2020 to “Take up our Cross”? It means to put yourself under the authority of Jesus Christ, to submit to His Lordship**.** He takes one existence and gives you another. He takes your spiritual death away and gives you life – both abundant life now and eternal life forevermore.

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