

## THE CALVARY ROAD

*Matt. 16:21-28*

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Retreat at Caesarea Philippi
  - 1. A quiet place with Jesus
  - 2. We all need quiet times with our Lord
- B. Life-Changing Lessons for the Disciples
  - 1. Whom say ye that I am?
  - 2. Peter's confession and the Lord's revelation of the church
  - 3. The most difficult lesson of all: the cross
- C. The Disciples Learn that Jesus is on His Way to Calvary

### I. THE CHRIST OF THE CALVARY ROAD (v.21)

- A. The disciples' longing for the kingdom
- B. Their reaction to the events preceding this retreat
  - 1. The multitudes listen to Jesus (ch. 13)
  - 2. 5000 fed; Jesus walks on the water (ch. 14)
  - 3. Religious leaders rebuked with authority (ch. 15)
  - 4. They thought the kingdom would soon be established
- C. Now the revelation of the Calvary Road
  - 1. How shocking to these men that Jesus had come to die!
  - 2. Street from Pilate's hall to Calvary called "The Via Dolorosa"
  - 3. But the Calvary Road is from the manger to the cross
- D. All His life, Jesus walked the Calvary Road
  - 1. Our sins took Him to the cross
  - 2. This was why he came into the world

### II. THE COMMON REACTION TO THE CALVARY ROAD

- A. Peter didn't want to hear about the cross
- B. The world would like to find another way
  - 1. A code of conduct that would save
  - 2. A religious ceremony that would cleanse from sin
- C. The need of the cross reveals our sinful condition
  - 1. Now we learn the seriousness of sin  
Wages is death
  - 2. Only His blood can wash it away.

#### ***Rev. 1:5***

*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

- D. Jesus would suffer and die at the hands of religious men
- E. Religion cannot save: Only Jesus saves

### III. THE CALL TO THE CALVARY ROAD (v. 24-27)

- A. The Calvary Road is the road to surrender
  - 1. Jesus praying in Gethesemane
  - 2. Obedient to the death of the cross.

***Matt. 26:36-46***

**Phil. 2:5-8**

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

- B. The Calvary Road is the road of sacrifice (v. 24-25)
- C. The Calvary Road is the road of service (v. 27)
  - 1. Our service in the light of His sacrifice
  - 2. Our service in the light of His return

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Your Commitment to the Calvary Road
- B. Christ has walked that road before you.
- C. Will you follow Him There?