

***Come Follow Me***

**Matthew 16:21-28**



the  
**Gospel**  
according to  
**Matthew**



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**Matthew 16:13-20**  
***Who Do You Say I Am?***

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**The Messianic King**

*“You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God.”*

**The Messianic Mission**

*“On this rock I will  
build my church”*

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM



**Come be disciples  
belonging to his church  
on mission with Him**

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**Matthew 16:21-28**

***Come Follow Me***

- *How Jesus fulfilled his mission*
- *How the disciples can follow him on such great kingdom life and mission*

BUILD YOUR LIFE  
AND YOUR HOME ON

**THE ROCK:  
JESUS CHRIST**



## **Matthew 16:21-28**

***21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.***

***22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'***

***23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'***



***Come  
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***24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?***

***27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. 28 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'***

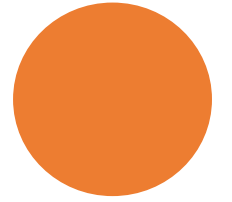


## **Jesus Explained How He Fulfilled His Mission**

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**He must go to the cross**

***Suffered, be killed, and raised to life***





# **Peter Protested**

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***‘Never, Lord!’ he said.***

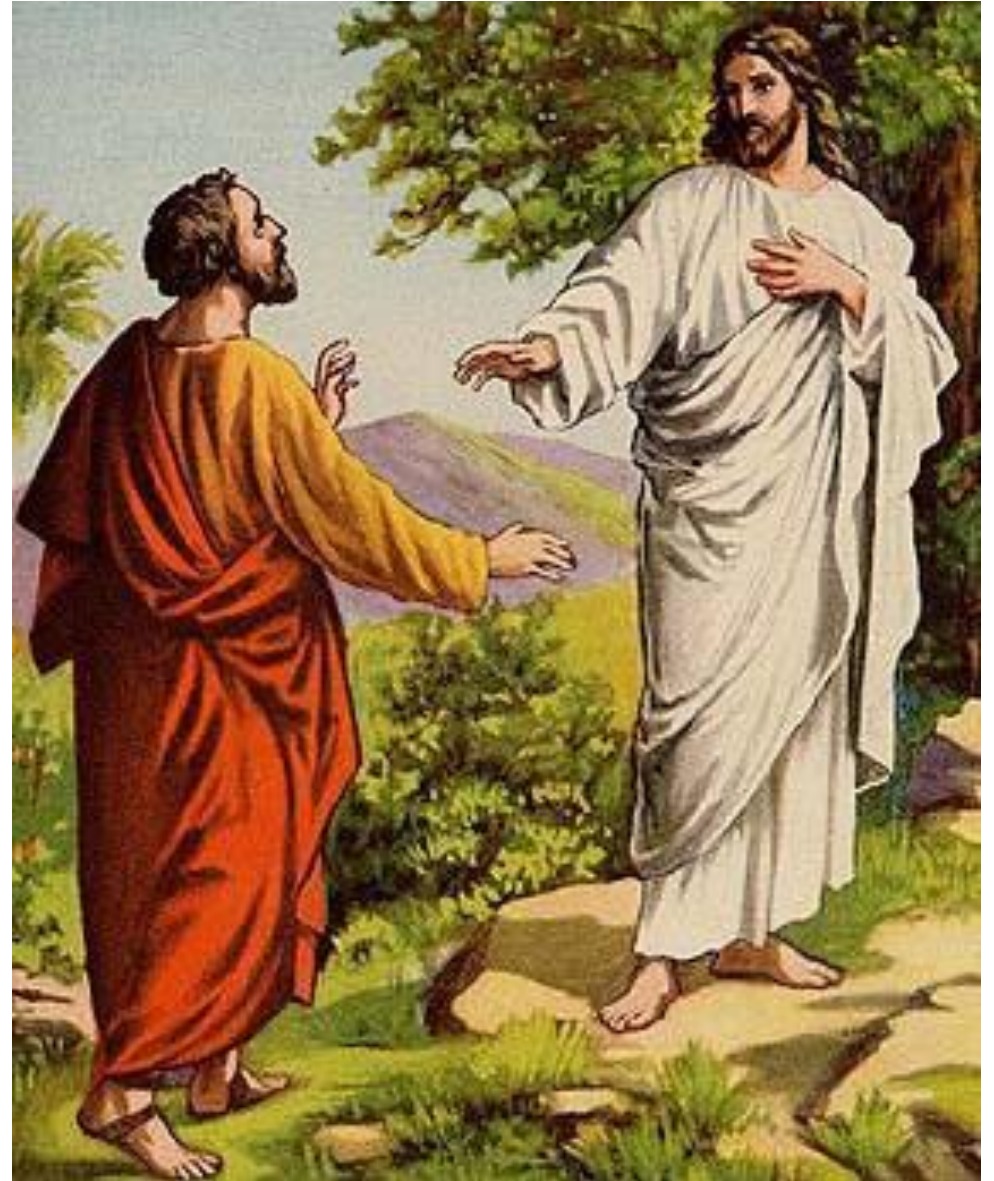
***‘This shall never happen to you!’***

**A Suffering Messiah**

***Tortured and Killed?***

**NO! NEVER!**

***The Lure of Security,  
Influence, and Power***



## **Jesus Rebuked Peter**

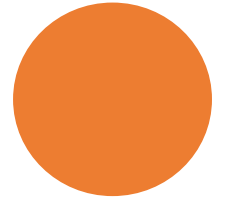
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'Get behind me, Satan!  
You are a stumbling-block  
to me; you do not have  
in mind the concerns of God,  
but merely human concerns.'***

**You are a mouthpiece of Satan!**

*Thinking only for yourself!*

**From a building stone  
to a stumbling block**

*Peter fell from spiritual high*





# **The Call to Discipleship**

***<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
‘Whoever wants to be my disciple  
must deny themselves and take up  
their cross and follow me.***

## **An Invitation to Everyone**

***Discipleship is a choice with  
conditions and great  
implications and rewards!***



# **To Be Disciples of Jesus**

***We must deny ourselves***

**Jesus must be the King of our life**

*Surrender our 'self', our will to Jesus*

**Surrender First Not Sacrifice**

*A matter of the heart first*

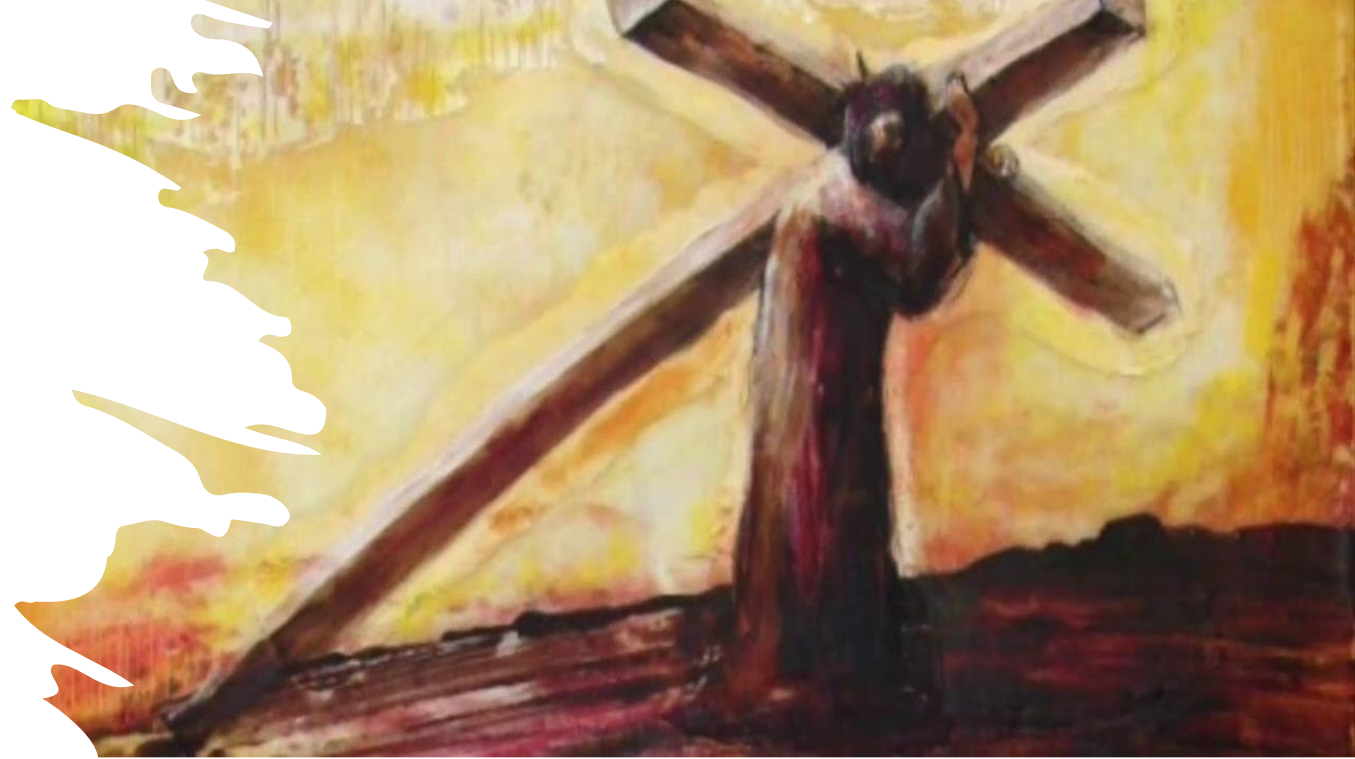
*Not the hand.*





## ***Take up the cross***

**Be willing to take  
on what come may**  
*Good and bad*



## ***Follow him***

**Persevere in learning  
to know him and  
follow his way**



# The Great Implications

***25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?***

**A Wonderful Truth  
With A Great Paradox**

*Die and you will live  
Lose and you will gain*

Philippians 1:2

to me,  
LIVE is Chr  
die is  
GAIN



# FROM DEATH TO LIFE!



## Jesus on the Cross

*Jesus deny himself,  
went to the cross and die  
in obedient to the Father.*

## Died and He Lives!

*Raised on the third day.  
Now seated at the righthand  
of God with authority & power*

# Rewards and Crowns awaiting us!

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*27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.*







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## **The Call to Discipleship**

*Will you be a  
disciple and  
follow Jesus?*

## **Deny yourself**

*'Give up your right to yourself'  
Say NO to Self and YES to God  
Let Jesus be King in your life.*



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## **Take Up the Cross**

*Be willing to do what  
he says and accept  
what come may*

## **Follow Him**

*Persevere,  
keep following him,  
trust and obey him.*



## **It's Worth it!**

*“No fight, No victory”*

*“No cross, No crown!”*

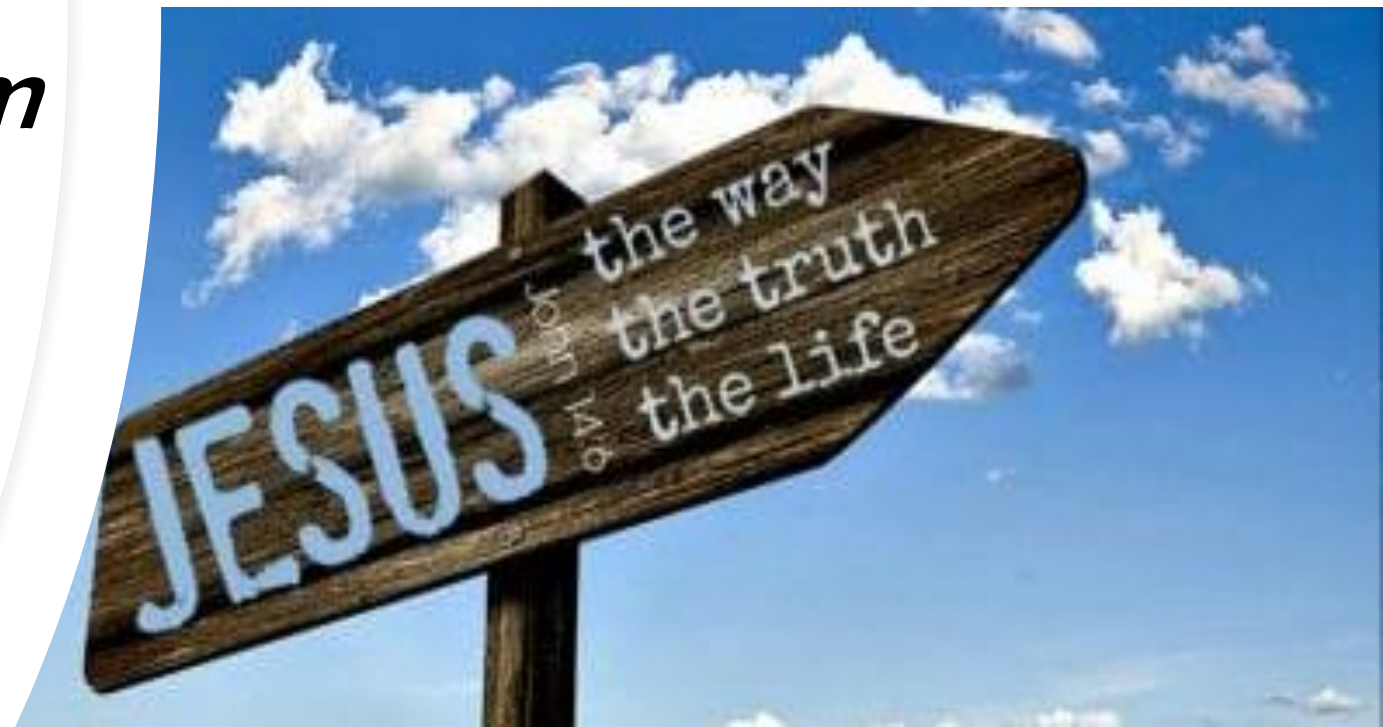
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## **Your Great Rewards!**

*You live the full kingdom  
life here & beyond!*

**Save your soul**

**Receive rewards  
and crowns in heaven!**



# The Five Crowns

## The Crown of Life

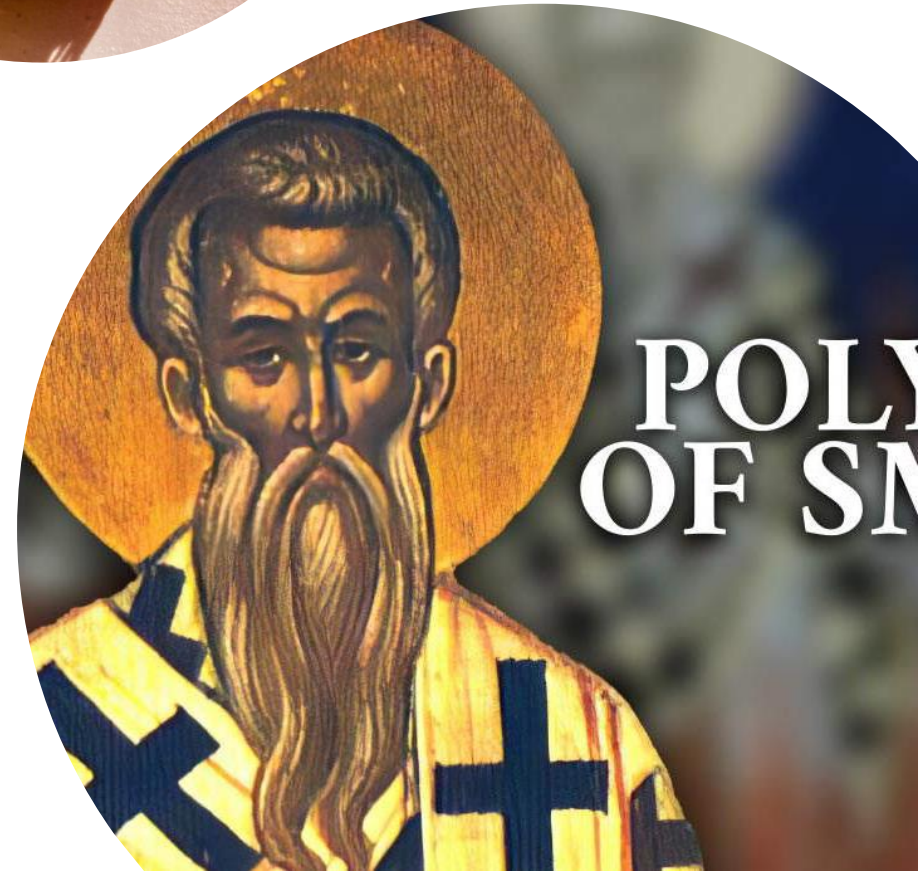
Revelation 2:10

To the church in Smyrna

*“Afflicted and poor but rich”*

## Bishop Polycarp

*“Eighty and six years have I served him, and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Saviour?”*





# The Five Crowns

- **The Imperishable Crown**  
1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- **Crown of Righteousness**  
2 Timothy 4:8
- **Crown of Rejoicing**  
1 Thessalonians 2:19
- **Crown of Glory**  
1 Peter 5:4





**Disciples of Jesus**  
***Go and Be His Victorious  
Faithful Witnesses!***



**Acts 1:8** *Going Mission with God!*