

# MATTHEW

November 13, 2022

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. How does Jesus' ministry among His disciples change/shift after their visit to Caesarea Philippi (v. 21)?
2. What drives Peter's reaction in v. 22? (What does he hear? What does he not hear?)
3. Meditate upon, and discuss, Jesus' response in v. 23? Why so strong?

What about Peter makes him Satan-like in this instance?

Are there times when you find yourself in the same position? Why is that?

4. Identify the marks of a disciple of Jesus (v. 24). Give a brief definition/explanation of each. (What does each look like?)

(1)

(2)

(3)

With which of these do you most struggle? Why?

5. Three benefits/blessings follow for the disciple of Jesus. Identify the blessing in v. 25.

Meditate upon, and discuss, the irony of this blessing.

6. Meditate upon, and discuss, the blessing you identify in v. 26.

7. Meditate upon, and discuss, the blessing you identify in v. 27.

8. What is to be made of Jesus' closing statement (v. 28)? (To what does He refer? What is the primary emphasis? Does He refer to an event in the near future or far off or both?) Why is it pertinent in this context?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will deny myself this week by . . .

I will take up my cross this week by . . .

I will follow Jesus this week by . . .