

FOLLOW JESUS' LIFESTYLE

Luke 9:18-27

Key Verse: 9:23

1. When Jesus was praying, what two questions did he ask his disciples (18-20a)? What was the crowds' view of Jesus (19)? What does Peter's answer mean (20b)? Why was it different than the crowd's?
2. Who is Jesus to you? Why is it important to know Jesus and to confess him publicly (Jn 17:3; Ro 10:9-10)?
3. What did Jesus strictly warn them and why (21)? What must happen to "the Son of Man"¹ (22)? Why "must" Jesus the Messiah suffer, be rejected, be killed, and be raised to life (Isa 53:4-6,10; Lk 24:44-47)?
4. Read verse 23. What do the words "whoever" and "must" imply (Heb 5:8-9)? What does it mean to "deny oneself"? To "take up one's cross"? Why "daily"? What does it mean to "follow" Jesus?
5. What warning and promise does Jesus give (24)? According to Jesus, what is worth gaining and losing (25)? Why should we not be ashamed of Jesus and his words (26)? What is the sure hope of those who believe and follow Jesus (27)?

¹ Jesus frequently used this messianic title "the Son of Man" to refer to himself.