

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sermon Notes for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Series: **“The Road to Calvary”**

Message: **“What Lies Ahead”**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 16:21-27** Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 61:10-11 (p. 789)**; New Testament Text: **Ephesians 1:7-10 (p. 1241)**. Read **Matthew 16:21-27 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

**Matthew 16:21-27:** From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

1. Read **Matthew 16:21**. In this passage, Jesus tells His disciples He will be put to death by the chief priests and scribes and will be raised to new life on the third day. How many times did Pastor Dave say Jesus shared this with His disciples in **Matthew**?

How many times did Pastor Dave say Jesus shared this with His disciples in **Mark**?

How many times did Pastor Dave say Jesus shared this with His disciples in **Luke**?

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples the same thing so many times?

2. Read **Matthew 16:22**. Why do you think Peter reacted the way he did?
3. Read **Matthew 16:23**. Why did Jesus react so explosively to Peter's statement?
4. Read **Matthew 16:24**. What does it mean to you *to deny yourself*?

When Jesus said *we must take up our cross and follow Him* does He mean we must literally carry a cross wherever we go?

What does He mean by that statement?

5. In your own words, tell me what Jesus is saying in **Matthew 16:25**.

6. Read **Matthew 16:26**. Name some temptations of this world that people often pursue to the detriment of their souls. (Name at least 7 things.)

What is the only thing we can offer for our soul that will satisfy God?

7. Read **Matthew 16:27**. Do these words of Jesus bring you comfort or worry?

What could ensure that you could read these words and receive them with comfort?

8. What will you remember most from this message?