



HAVE YOU FOUND IT?

**Mat 16:24-26 “Then said Jesus unto his disciples,
If any *man* will come after me, let him deny
himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and
whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find
it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the
whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall
a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

Circumstances that lead up to this teaching:

- Jesus was preparing his disciples for his suffering, death, and resurrection (16:21)**
- Peter rebuked Jesus (16:22)**
- Jesus rebuked Peter (16:23)**

Peter misunderstood the purpose of Jesus' life on earth:

- Peter would not allow his Lord to suffer and be killed. Matt. 26:33-35**
- But this was the very reason Jesus came! Is. 53**
- If the disciples misunderstood the purpose of Jesus' life, they also misunderstood theirs!**

Where some are looking today for purpose:

- ✓ **Family background**
- ✓ **Education**
- ✓ **Financial Success**
- ✓ **Doing whatever pleases themselves**
- ✓ **Trying to please everyone**

To find purpose for our lives we must apply Jesus' teaching:

- † **Deny self - Disown - 1 Cor. 6:20; Gal. 2:20**
- † **Take Up Cross - Luke 22:42; Heb. 5:8; Gal. 6:3-5**
- † **Follow Christ - 1 Peter 2:19-23**

**Our lives are determined
more by what (who) owns
us than by what we own!**

**Luke 6:46 “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord,
and do not the things which I say?”**

Jesus bought us with a price therefore:

- † My heart is no longer mine - Mark 12:30**
- † My body is no longer mine – 1 Cor. 6:20**
- † My abilities are no longer mine – Rom. 12:3-6**
- † My possessions are no longer mine – Luke 12:15-31**
- † My life is no longer mine – Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3**

Have You Found Your Life?



LOSE IT TO JESUS!