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Topic: Life of Christ: What is a Disciple of Christ?

Scripture text: Mark 8:34-38

1. There are many different kinds of Christians today who call themselves disciples or followers of Jesus Christ. But what is true discipleship? The Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, gave us the marks of a true disciple.

2. A true disciple will follow Christ (v34). To follow means to walk in the same way and direction. It cannot be sporadic but must be continuous. In order to follow, we must deny ourselves, which is to disown ourselves. It means to put aside what we want willingly. Then, we are to take up our crosses. God has designed the cross that we must carry on our own so we should not compare. The three steps must all be done and in sequence. They were given as commands so it is not an option.

3. A true disciple will destroy his old life (v35-37). We are in a state and condition of sin if we do not follow Christ. Those who want to save their lives by their own methods will end up destroying their lives. We must instead give our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. We must make a wise decision and choose the spiritual and eternal over the physical and temporal.

4. A true disciple will not be ashamed of Christ (v38). There will be pressure and opposition when we follow Christ but we must never give up. This does not refer to the momentary failure but refer to one who is ashamed of Christ completely. We ought to check our own lives to make sure we have these marks.