

SERMON NOTES  
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**Cross-Carrying Christian**  
Mark 8:27-35

Hard and getting harder.

John 6:66 – many disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore

Mark 8:11 – Pharisees challenge for a “sign”

Trip to Caesarea Philippi – resort

- Christ-confessing

- Cross-carrying  
v. 32 – *pros lambano* – “to talk, face-to-face”  
rebuke – real conflict

Satan’s involvement

Peter is not the only one who needs this instruction.

Suffering is the will of God.

Acts 2:23 “this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross”

- Crown-expecting  
“In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,...will award to me on that day...” (2 Timothy 4:8)

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Old Testament – Suffering Servant  
Immanuel – God with us

## Mark 8: 27-35

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> They told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; but others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And He *continued* by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter *answered* and *said* to Him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And He warned them to tell no one about Him. <sup>31</sup> And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup> But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and *said*, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." <sup>34</sup> And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.