

Sermon Message for July 21/22, 2018 | Pastor Dennis Keating  
**THE REAL JESUS! | His Shocking Demands!**  
Mark 8:27-38 (p. 859)

**THE MAIN LESSON** → \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus is part of \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus. (John 15:20)

**JESUS DEMANDS ...**

1. Living in \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 34; Phil. 3:8-9)

**THE POINT** → Following calls for a \_\_\_\_\_ any price  
\_\_\_\_\_ for his gift of life.

2. Thinking with \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 35; Matt. 13:45-46)

3. Pursuing \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 36-37)

**THE CHALLENGE** → Don't sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 12:19-21)

4. Giving \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 38; 1 John 2:28)

**This Weekend's Scripture Passage for the  
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*This weekend's sermon passage is Mark 8:27-38 (see below). Questions for Personal Prayer and Reflection will return next weekend.*

**Mark 8:27-38, New American Standard Bible (NASB)**

**Peter's Confession of Christ**

<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. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

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*(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)*

"Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark 1:1

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16

"... take Him by force to make Him king;" John 6:15

*"When we argue with God's word, we open ourselves to Satan's lies."* Warren Wiersbe

**THE MAIN LESSON:** **Suffering** for Jesus is part of **following** Jesus. (John 15:20)

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.'" John 15:20

*"Jesus came not to make life easy, but to make men great."* William Barclay

***JESUS DEMANDS ...***

1. Living in **sacrificial surrender**. (v. 34; Phil. 3:8-9)

"I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ;" Philippians 3:8-9

**THE POINT:** Following calls for a **willingness to pay** any price **He asks** for his gift of life.

2. Thinking with **heavenly values**. (v. 35; Matt. 13:45-46)

"... the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matthew 13:45-46

*"He is no fool who gives up that which He cannot keep, to gain what which he cannot lose."* Jim Elliot

3. Pursuing **eternal rewards**. (v. 36-37)

**THE CHALLENGE:** Don't sacrifice **eternity** for the **temporary**. (Luke 12:19-21)

"'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:19-21

4. Giving **unashamed allegiance**. (v. 38; 1 John 2:28)

"Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming." 1 John 2:28