

March 27/28, 2021
Palm Sunday Weekend
The Way of the Cross
Matthew 16:21-26
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(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)

“He who trusts his own mind is a fool.” (Proverbs 28:26)

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? (John 14:9)

Jesus died **for us**, but he also calls us to die **with him**.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

- Surrender our **desires** to God’s **design**.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (1 John 2:15-16)

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (1 John 3:16)

- Gives ourselves **in love** for the **good of others**.

- Yield our **ambitions** to his **direction**.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

True life is found in **complete surrender**.