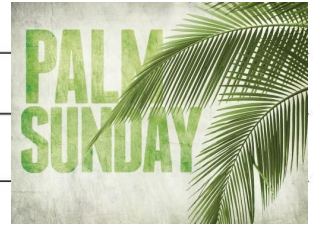


# Sermon Notes

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Sermon Topic: STRAIGHTENING OUT THE SAVIOR



## Scripture

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." ~Mark 8:31-38

Peter is not interested in serving a Sufferer.

Are we?

THE REAL CONCERNS OF GOD...THE WANT

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (v. 34)

### Three Dollars Worth of God

"I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please.

Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep,  
but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk  
or a snooze in the sunshine

I want ecstasy, not transformation.

I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth.

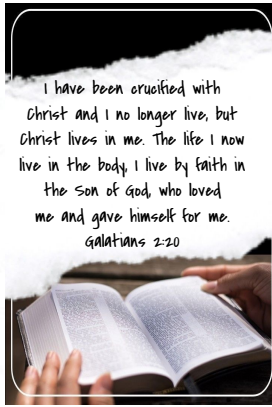
I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack.

I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please." ~Wilbur Rees



"For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him..." Philipians 1:29

# Notes:



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

## THE WORTH

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." (v. 35)



LOSING FOR JESUS MEANS LIVING WITH JESUS!

Besides, "what good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (v. 36-37)

Jesus is more than worth it all. To follow him is life's greatest value. It pays to give up all for Jesus all the way to eternity.



The way of the cross leads home,  
The way of the cross leads home;  
It is sweet to know, as I onward go,  
The way of the cross leads home.

-Jessie Brown Pounds



## Conclusion -

I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.