



**Managing on The Other Side of The Cross
(Easter Sunday)**

April 4, 2021

Big Question: Can you see beyond this side of your challenge?

Side Question: Do you really believe you can make it to the other side?

Statement: What was it like for the disciples to see Jesus leaving after his resurrection? They were told by Jesus he would die several times. But, they did not fully grasp what he was saying to them. He was on one side and they were on the other side. In Gethsemane, He was praying for the grace to get to the other side.

The Setting: Jesus leaves them facing a new reality

• Luke 24:50–53 (NIV): 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

- A. He died on the cross (Matthew 27)
- B. He rose again (Matthew 28)
- C. He promised to come again (Luke 24:50-53)
- D. He promised there would be a price they must pay (Matthew 16:21-25)

Introduction: The Price of Traveling to the Other Side (Matthew 16:21-25)

1. There will be Pain (Sometimes life will hurt)
2. There will be Blindness (Sometimes you cannot see)
3. There will be Hindrances (Sometimes you cannot recognize what slows you down)
4. There will be Correction (Sometimes you will be wrong)

**I. Managing the Pain
(Matthew 16:21, NIV)**

Jesus saw the suffering and The Resurrection from His side

• 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and **suffer** many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be **killed** and on the third day be **raised** to life.

Question: Can you see **beyond** what you are currently facing?

**II. Managing the Blindness
(Matthew 16:22, NIV)**

Peter could not see the positive from His side

• 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”



III. Managing Hindrances and Corrections (Matthew 16:23)

Jesus saw Peter's thinking as a stumbling block

- 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Question: What kind of thinking is hindering your ability to see?

Side Question: Can you be corrected?

Conclusion:

IV. Managing the Price of Victory (Matthew 16:24-25)

Jesus describes the personal choices we must make to win

- 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever **wants** to save their life will lose it, but whoever **loses their life for me** will find it.

A. Victory will demand **self-denial** (v24)

B. Victory will demand **willful participation** (v24, "take up their cross and follow me")

C. Victory will demand a **surrender** of your life to God (v25)

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Next Time:

New Series: Don't Lie to Yourself

Big Question: Are you currently lying to yourself?

Side Question: When was the last time you lied to yourself?

Read Ahead: John 8:32, NIV