Take Up Your Cross Wed 2/8/23

Matthew 16:24-27 NKJV

24Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

# John 6:53-66 NKJV

# 53Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

# 54Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

# 55For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

# 56He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

# 57As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

# 58This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

# 59These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

# 60Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this,* said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

# 61When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you?

# 62*What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

# 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

# 64But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

# 65And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

# 66From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

# John 6:68-69 NKJV

# 68But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

# 69Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”