

Christ Must Come Before Your Own Life (Matt. 10:38-39) 10/6/2013

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Him

Notes about crucifixion:

Crucifixion was three things combined into one: an execution, an instrument of _____, and a pillory (a method of public _____).

Above all, a cross symbolized certain _____.

Jesus was demanding total _____ from them—even to the point of physical death—and making this call to _____ a part of the message they were to proclaim to others.

The _____ and tragedies of human living that often befall Christians are *not* the crosses of which Jesus speaks.

A **cross** is the willing sacrifice of everything one has—even _____ itself—for the sake of Christ.

Taking up one's cross and following after Christ are both in the _____ tense.

Not worthy =

Someone who is not willing to go to _____ for Christ is **not worthy** because his profession does not _____ up.

Find Your Life, Lose It; Lose Your Life, Find It

Found =

Life =

Lost =

The Lord is very clear that following Him means a _____ end of me and a future of continually _____ with Him.

Notes on losing your life for Christ's sake from parallel passages:

[Matthew 16:21-27](#)

[Mark 8:34-38](#)

[Luke 17:26-35](#)

[Matt. 10:39](#) presents us with only two alternatives: _____ your life, or _____ your life.

Believers must never give up fighting the urge to love _____ more than _____.

Love of self is _____.

Love of one's own life is often the greatest hindrance to _____.