

Compassion Sunday

Luke 9:23-25

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

There are two parts to Jesus' exhortation: deny yourself, and take up (carry) your cross daily.

1. Deny yourself:

- If you are going to be a disciple of Jesus you have to stop worshipping yourself.
- Luke 9:57-62

Jesus's message is this: "I see inside your heart and whatever it is that causes you to worship yourself must go."

2. Carry your cross:

- If you are going to be a disciple of Jesus you have to own the suffering of the world around you.
- **1 Corinthians 1:18** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The cross is foolishness to those who are not saved because it does not make any sense to sacrifice yourself for people you may never meet.

- **Luke 9:27** But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.