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# A Cross-less Gospel

Sermon - November 22, 2020

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**Text**

Matthew 16:21-23

## Discussion Questions

1. Matthew 16:21 says, “From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (ESV). Why is it true that Jesus *must* suffer, be killed, and be raised?
2. Peter went from being called “blessed” by Jesus to being called “Satan.” He, like all of us, was capable of doing evil and good on the same day. Is it comforting to you that Peter is capable of this? Why or why not?
3. How do you respond when things don’t go the way you expect or want them to go? Do you want to respond like Peter, rebuking God for having a different plan? How can we move toward greater trust in God?
4. There is a lot of suffering in the world today, with the pandemic, the election controversy, and the continued struggle for racial justice. And it affects each of us in different ways. How does knowing that the Christ had to suffer, die, and rise again speak to this suffering? How does it give us hope?
5. What does it mean to “boast in the cross?” How can you boast in the cross this week? Today?

## Prayer Point

Lord, You are the Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and rose again, for us. Thank You, Lord, for not taking the easy way out. Open our eyes to see the hope we have in believing that you died in our place for our sin, and rose again, so that we may live with You forever. In Jesus Name, amen.

