

Sunday, August 30th, 2026
Sermon Series: “Jesus, Who?”
“On Following Jesus” *Matthew 16.21-28*.
(Pentecost)

The Messiah...The Son of the Living God

*Matthew 16.16 ... Simon Peter replied, “You are the **Christ**, the Son of the living God.”*

Χριστός (*Christos*): “Christ” (“Messiah”)

What Kind of Messiah?

A _____ Messiah.

Matthew 16.21 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.

*Isaiah 53.4-5 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

*Matthew 16.22-23 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a **hindrance** to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

σκάνδαλον (*skandalon*): “Stumbling block”

Who Calls us to...

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Matthew 16.24-26 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Romans 6.3-4 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

(Answers Suffering. Surrender.)