**Matthew**

*Helping Us Focus – Part III*

*Matthew 16:27 – 17:9*

Constantly Meditate on Who Christ Is

* Who do you say that Christ is?

Remember That Christ is Our Foundation and the Source of All Blessing

We must obey God even if we don’t understand or agree with Him! (v 20)

Embrace the Suffering (v 21 - 23)

* Of Christ!
* Of Ourselves!

Fully Commit to Christ! (v 24 – 26)

* Deny Yourself
* Take Up Your Cross
* Follow Christ
* Lose Your Life

We Need to See Christ in All His Glory

* Payday Someday! (v 27)
* John MacArthur: As the Lord reviews the life of each person who has ever lived, He will say, as it were, “There is a believer. I can tell by his works, because they are the product of My Holy Spirit. There is an unbeliever, as I can also tell by his works, because they are the product of the flesh.” It is not that works save, but that they are the product of salvation.
* It Will Move Us More Than Anything Else!
  + To see Christ High and Lifted up.
    - Listen to Him (v 5)
      * 16 ¶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 ¶ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Pet 1:16-21)
    - Don’t Be Afraid (v 7)
    - Trust the Lord’s Direction and Timing (v 9)