



“IF WE’RE FOLLOWING CHRIST, CHRIST COMES FIRST!”

MARK 8:34-38 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT
A SUFFERING SAVIOR?



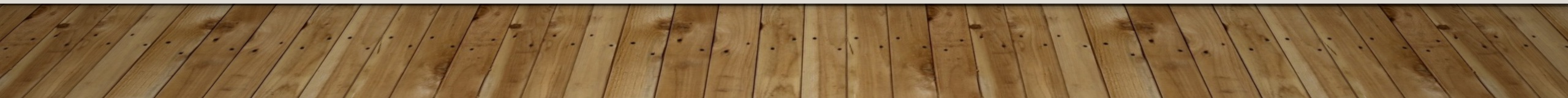
“But what about you?” he asked.
“Who do you say I am?” Peter
answered, “You are the Messiah.”
(Mk 8:29, NIV)



CONTEXT A SUFFERING SAVIOR?



He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must **suffer** many things and be **rejected** by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be **killed** and after three days rise again. (Mk 8:31, NIV)

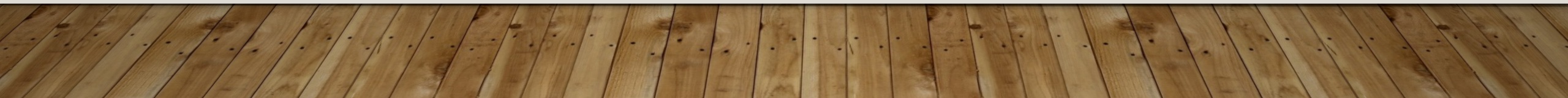




CONTEXT A SUFFERING SAVIOR?



In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven**. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; **all** nations and peoples of **every** language worshiped him. His dominion is an **everlasting** dominion that will not pass away, and his **kingdom** is one that will **never be destroyed**. (Dn 7:13-14, NIV)





CONTEXT A SUFFERING SAVIOR?



Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the **Messiah**, the Son of the Blessed One?”

62 “**I am,**” said Jesus. “And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and **coming on the clouds of heaven.**” (Mk 14:61b-62, NIV)



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63 The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.

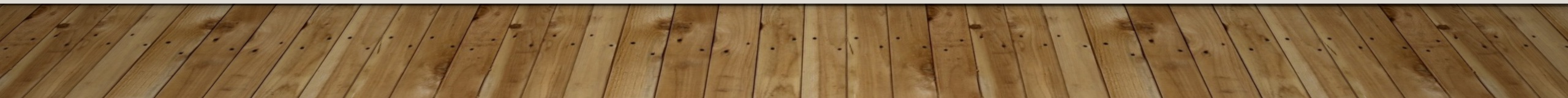
64 “You have heard the **blasphemy**. What do you think?” They all condemned him as **worthy of death**. (Mk 14:63-64, NIV)



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He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. (Mk 8:32, NIV)

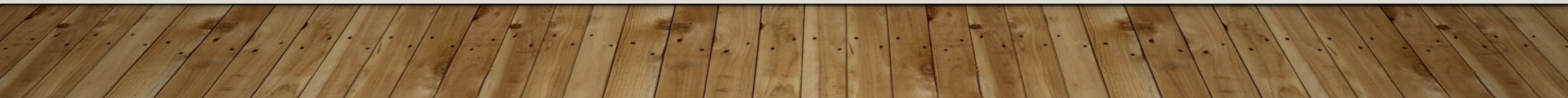




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But he was pierced for **our** transgressions,
he was crushed for **our** iniquities;
the punishment that brought **us** peace was on him,
and by his wounds **we** are healed. (Is 53:5, NIV)





CONTEXT A SUFFERING SAVIOR?



But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, **he rebuked Peter**. “**Get behind** [ὀπίσω | *opisō*] me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the **concerns of God**, but merely **human concerns**.” (Mk 8:33, NIV)



CONTEXT
RIGHT DESIGNATION,
WRONG DEDICATION



Whenever the **impure spirits** saw him, they **fell down** before him and cried out, “**You are the Son of God.**” (Mk 3:11, NIV)



CONTEXT
RIGHT DESIGNATION,
WRONG DEDICATION



“Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who **does the will of my Father** who is in heaven. (Mt 7:21, NIV)



CONTEXT
RIGHT DESIGNATION,
WRONG DEDICATION



“Why do you call me, ‘Lord,
Lord,’ and do not do what I
say? (Lk 6:46, NIV)



MARK 8:34
CONDITIONS FOR
TRUE CHRISTIANS



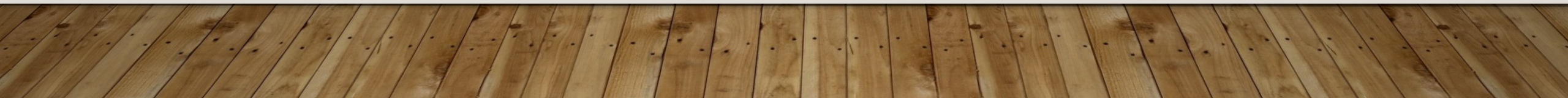
And having summoned the crowd – along with His disciples – He said to them, "If anyone desires to follow **behind** [ὀπίσω | *opisō*] Me, they must deny themselves, carry their cross, and follow me [continually]. (Mk 8:34, AT)



MARK 8:34
SELF-DENIAL



Trust in the **LORD** [YHWH] with all your heart,
and on your **own insight do not lean.** (Pr 3:5, AT)

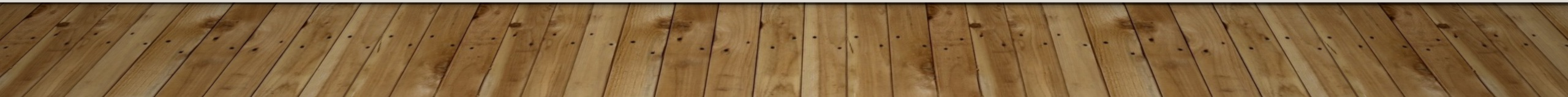




MARK 8:34
SELF-DENIAL



**He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But he who walks wisely will be delivered.
(Pr 28:26, NASB)**

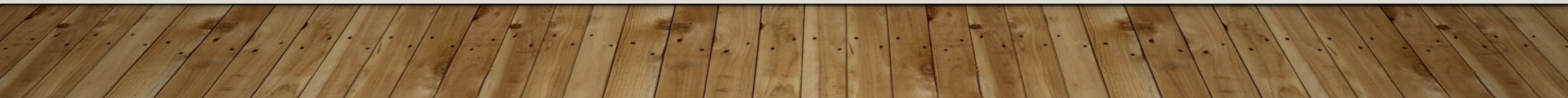




MARK 8:34
CROSS-BEARING



Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me. (Lk 9:23, NIV)

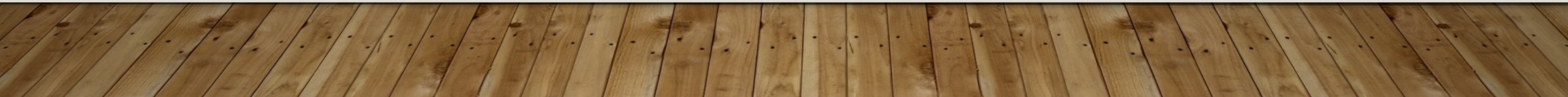




MARK 8:35
PARADOXICAL
PROMISE



For whoever desires to **save** their life will **lose** it, but whoever **loses** their life for my sake and for the Gospel will **save** it. (Mk 8:35, AT)

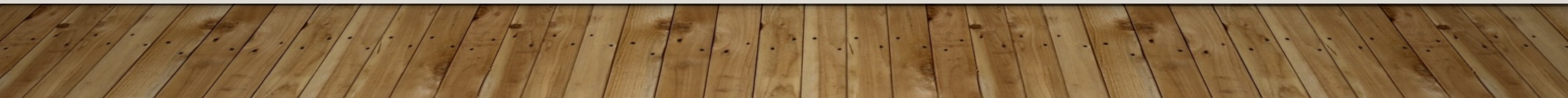




MARK 8:35
PARADOXICAL
PROMISE



28 Then Peter spoke up, “We have left **everything** to **follow** you!” 29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come **eternal life.**” (Mk 10:28-30, NIV)

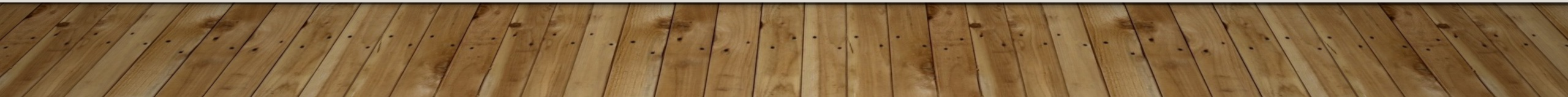




MARK 8:36
BAD DEAL



For what benefit is it for a person to gain the whole world and lose their soul? (Mk 8:36, AT)





MARK 8:37
NO DEAL



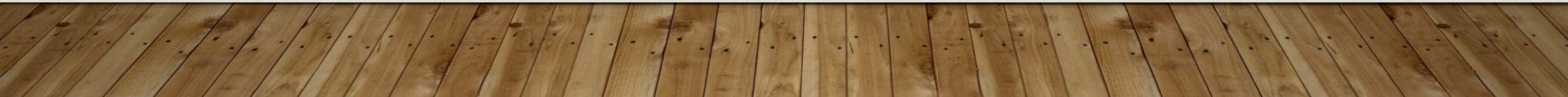
For what can a person give
in exchange for their soul?
(Mk 8:37, AT)



MARK 8:38
NO SHAME
IN OUR GAME



For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this **adulterous** and sinful generation, the **Son of Man** will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels.” (Mk 8:38, AT)





MARK 8:38
NO SHAME
IN OUR GAME



Am I now trying to win the approval of **human beings**, or of **God**? Or am I trying to **please people**? If I were still trying to **please people**, I would **not** be a **servant of Christ**. (Gal 1:10, NIV)



MARK 8:38
NO SHAME
IN OUR GAME



He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you **hypocrites**; as it is written:

“ ‘These people **honor me** with their **lips**,
but their **hearts** are **far from me**. [Is 29:13]
(Mk 7:6, NIV; cf. Tit 1:16; 1 Jn 2:3-6)

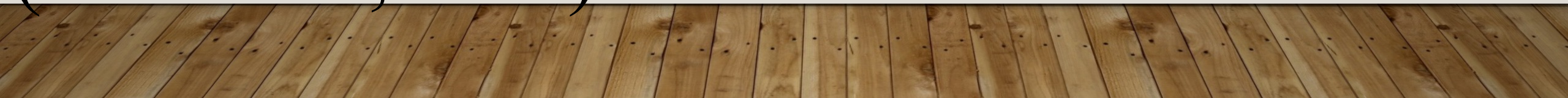


MARK 8:38
THE JUSTICE
OF JESUS



For he has set a day when he will **judge** the world with **justice** by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by **raising** him from the dead.

(Ac 17:31, NIV)





MARK 8:38
THE JUSTICE
OF JESUS



31 When the **Son of Man** comes in His glory, and with all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the [royal] throne of His glory. 32 And all the peoples will be gathered before Him, and He will **separate** them from one another – just as a shepherd separates the **sheep** from the **goats**.

(Mt 25:31-32, AT)