Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 16b-17a

Q:

Why did Yeshua begin to proclaim His rejection, suffering and death at this time?

A:

Revelation that Yeshua is Messiah requires that we too must die. This is the path of discipleship.

Matthew 16:22-24

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- = Leaving Egypt (SIN left behind)
- = Following Yeshua (SELF left behind)

Has your soul been saved? Then now is the time to lose it.

We are saved by God's grace, but judged according to our works.

Psalm 62:12 ...and that to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Romans 2:5-9 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, Who will render to every man according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality – eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – wrath and indignation. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek.

- **1 Corinthians 3:13** Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.
- **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Colossians 3:25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

Revelation 2:23 ...and all the communities will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."















Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of Adonai comes. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of Adonai; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

John 1:21-23 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of Adonai,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

Matthew 11:13-14 "For all the Prophets and the Torah prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come."

Deuteronomy 32:4-6 The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He. They have dealt corruptly with Him; they are no longer His children because they are blemished; they are a crooked and twisted generation. Do you thus repay Adonai, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father, who created you, who made you and established you?