Gospel Matthew 16:24-27

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- ♣ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- Jesus said to his disciples,

 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
 let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
- What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?
 Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?
- ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'
 - The Gospel of the Lord.