

WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE TEMPORAL vs. THE ETERNAL

Mark 8:34-38 Jeff Schreve

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Are you living for the here and now or the hereafter?

1. The invitation for eternal life comes with a temporal price.

And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Mark 8:34

A. Eternal life comes by saying no to everything of self.

B. Eternal life comes by saying yes to suffering and death.

C. Eternal life comes by saying yes to following Jesus.

2. The allure of the here and now comes with an eternal price.

"For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:35-37

A. If you save your life for yourself, you lose your life forever.

B. If you trade your soul for the world, you lose your soul.

3. The coming of the Lord puts things into perspective.

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

A. If you live for the world, you will be ashamed of the One.

B. If you live for the One, you will stand up in the world.

Have you counted the cost?