

**The ways of God are beyond
human understanding.**

Matthew 16:21-21

- **Matt. 16:23-26**

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; **you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.**"

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

25 **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.**

26 **What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?**

- **Matt 6:33**

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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- Luke 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."
- 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.
- 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"
- 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
- 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.
- 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

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■ **1 Cor 6:9-11**

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders

10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 **And that is what some of you were.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

■ 1 Cor 2:6-3:1

7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 However, as it is written: **"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--**

10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

