

# “Jesus, Man of Action”

Mark 8:31-8:38

*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.  
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?”  
Mark 8:34b-36, NAS*

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## The Words

**Son of Man** - υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου - This is Jesus' most common term to refer to Himself. His use of this term is recorded 81 times in the New Testament. The term refers back to Daniel 7:13-14, which is the first reference to the Messiah as the “Son of Man.”

**Must** - δεῖ - from the verb *to bind* (1) as expressing compulsion, necessity, or inevitability in an event: *it is necessary, one must, one has to* (Matthew 17:10); (2) as expressing the will of God or law: *it is necessary or binding* (Luke 13:14); (3) of the compulsion of duty: *one ought, one should, one has to, one must* (Acts 5:29); (4) of the compulsion of valid expectation or of what is fitting: *it is proper, it must be, it is right* (2 Timothy 2:6).

**Rejected** - ἀποδοκιμασθῆναι - strictly, *thrown out as the result of a test*; hence, (1) of things: *rejected, declared useless* (Matthew 21:42); (2) of persons: *rejected, thought of as unworthy* (Hebrews 12:17).

**Rebuke** - ἐπιτιμάω - strictly, *appraise someone, assess a penalty, charge someone as being blameable*; hence, *rebuke, reprove* (Jude 9); *warn, strongly admonish, threaten* (Mark 3:12; 8:30).

**Get (behind me)** - ὕπαγε - *be gone! be off! go away!* in the form of an intensive imperative (Matthew 4:10).

**Deny himself** - ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν - to disown, renounce claim to, and forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests.

**Life** - ψυχή - the essence of life in terms of thinking, willing, and feeling; thus inner self, mind, thoughts, feelings, heart, being.

**Adulterous** - μοιχαλῖς - adjectival form: (a figurative extension of meaning of the substantive μοιχαλῖς *adulteress*) pertaining to being unfaithful to one's earlier and true beliefs.