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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Lectionary: 131B

Read: [Mark 8:27-35](#)

Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins his journey to the Cross and Resurrection. The disciples are beginning to understand that Jesus is the Christ, but they cannot reconcile their understanding with Jesus' own foretelling that he will suffer, be killed, and rise after three days. Peter rebukes Jesus. But Jesus makes it clear that all who follow him will lose their lives for his sake.

Reflection for Parents

As a parent you want what is best for your child. You make sacrifices to provide opportunities for your daughters and sons. Those sacrifices might include sacrificing a career in order to be home with your children or taking on an extra job to save for your child's college tuition. Those sacrifices are everyday examples of what it means to "deny [yourself], take up [your] cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

Today, take time to rest in God's love. Remember those who made sacrifices so that you would have opportunities in life. Pray about the sacrifices you are making or feel called to make out of love for God and others.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

At the dinner table throughout the coming week, ask family members to answer the question posed in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that [Jesus is]?" Also invite family members to share the names of those who have helped them come to know Jesus.

Discussion Starters

1. People who think like God thinks...
2. Someone I know who follows Jesus is...
3. One way I can be a better followers of Jesus is...

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