

LUKE 9:18-27 *Jesus The Christ*

INTRODUCTION

After some extraordinary displays of Jesus' power and authority that give us a taste of His kingdom, the mood turns somber as Jesus foreshadows His death. He reminds us that His kingdom is coming in glory but that until then the battles will be won through suffering.

DISCUSSION

What or who would you lay down your life for?

EXPLANATION

- Why does the crowd say that Jesus may be Elijah or John the baptizer?
- Why is it important that we know exactly who Jesus was?
- How would people have responded to verse 23? (Remember, this is pre-crucifixion)
- What do you think the motives of people following Jesus were when he said these words?

APPLICATION

- What answers do people give to the question of who Jesus is today?
- Why do you follow Jesus?
- What does it mean for you to lay down your life and pick up your cross?
- How do our lives reflect an all-out commitment to the Gospel?
- In what ways have we been ashamed of the Gospel and how do we correct that?