



The apostles return from a campaign across Galilee (9:1-10). Jesus takes them to Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13) for a de-brief. Here they make their great definitive declaration of faith in Jesus as the Christ. But then Jesus tells them to, what?! Keep it quiet????

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *In times of transition, God needs men who know what to do.*

1. A Strange _____ v. 21

The disciples get an A+ on the final exam and are then told not to tell anyone?

2. An Important _____ v. 21-26, 43-45, 51

- 1) Unpardonable Sin – Matthew 11-12
- 2) Political Move – “Make Jesus king!” – John 6:14-15
- 3) Crowds Stop Following – John 6:66-69
- 4) Jesus: “I must die!” – Luke 9:21-22
- 5) Transition – Matthew 16:21 (Matthew 4:12, 17)
- 6) Peter – from praise to reprimand – Matthew 16:22-23
- 7) Jesus needs men – Luke 9:23-26

3. A Vital _____ – Jesus Needs Men

Men who:

- 1) Know the truth – “You are the Christ.”
- 2) Don't think of themselves – “Get behind me Satan!”
- 3) Follow Jesus to the end – “Take up your cross and follow me.”

“Praise God” for Such Men!