

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**December 26, 1993**

**"The Cross Precedes the Crown"**

Matthew 16:21-24

The cross, in the time of Christ, was not an ornament but rather an instrument of torture and of death. And it was on a cross that the debt of sin was paid. And it is to a cross that Christ invites His disciples to follow Him.

Christ's perspective

Peter's perspective

God's perspective

Our perspective

With Peter we must learn the cross precedes the crown.