Sermon: "The Cost of Confession (Not John, Not Elijah)"

Text: Mark 8:27-38 NASB

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27 Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages
of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples,
saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** They told Him,
saying, "John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; and others, one of
the prophets." **29** And He *continued* questioning them: "But who do
you say that I am?" Peter answered and *said to Him, "You are
the [a]Christ." **30** And He [b]warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer
many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and
the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise *from the
dead*. **32** And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took
Him aside and began to rebuke Him. **33** But turning around and
seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and *said, "Get behind
Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on [c]God's purposes,
but on man's."

34 And He summoned the crowd together with His disciples, and
said to them, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny
himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. **35** For whoever wants to
save his [d]life will lose it, but whoever loses his [e]life for My sake
and the gospel's will save it. **36** For what does it benefit a person to
gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? **37** For what could a
person give in exchange for his soul? **38** For whoever is ashamed of
Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son
of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of
His Father with the holy angels."

Footnotes

a. Mark 8:29 I.e., Messiah
b. Mark 8:30 Or *strictly admonished*
c. Mark 8:33 Lit *the things of God*
d. Mark 8:35 Or *soul*
e. Mark 8:35 Or *soul*