**Matthew 16:21-28**

**Introduction**

**1. The war of the worlds: 21-23**

**2. The fight for your life: 24-26**

**3. The victory of the cross: 27-28**

**For reflection:**

“You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life.” *Luke 21:16-19*

Also: *Romans 6:6-7, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:11-12.*