

### **Psalm 116:1-5, 12-14**

**1** I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. **2** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **3** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. **4** Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" **5** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. **12** What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **13** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, **14** I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

### **Mark 8:27-36**

**27** Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29** He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. **31** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **34** He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?