

# Defending Your Soul

Mark 8:31-38

*Key Verse 37: "...what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"*

## **Foreword**

Jesus asked the shocking question in v. 37 to elicit an alarming response of "nothing!!!". But sadly, people are soul-swapping on a scale like never before.

Jesus went through Satan's "soul-market" right after His baptism. After 40 days without food, the Devil began with bread (probably warm, right out of the oven). Then he moved on to doubting God's care. And finally, Satan just got right to his "ace"; he offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world for His soul. But Jesus knew the true value of His soul; it was worth more than just His eternal life; it would be worth the salvation of countless other souls!

## **Jesus Rebuked by Satan**

Why would an archangel rebuke his creator? Why would Satan shout "NO!" to Christ? Verses 31-32 are the answer. By giving His soul in exchange for the eternal life of others, He would "snatch" millions from Satan's hands.

## **Satan Rebuked by Jesus**

Jesus unmasked Satan's method for keeping people from God, entangle their soul in the affairs of man and materialism. v. 33

## **Exchange Options**

Jesus gives two options for our soul: Exchange it for a life of following Christ here and living with Christ forever, or, exchange it for the gains of this world and lose it in eternal separation from God.

## **Jesus' Warning**

In v. 38, Jesus gives us fair warning for making a "bad" deal with our soul? He describes our rejection of Him as being ashamed to follow Him; the result of which might be popularity with others; but will end in Christ being ashamed of us before His Father.