

The background of the image is a night sky filled with stars, with the Milky Way galaxy prominently displayed across the upper half. The foreground shows a dark, rocky landscape with some trees, illuminated by a low light source, possibly the moon or a distant star, creating a dramatic silhouette effect.

# Divine Answers to Our Questions

A QUESTION OF A SOUL'S VALUE

MATTHEW 16:21-27







# The Context

**Matt. 16:21-27**

- **Jesus Foretells His Suffering**

**v. 21**

- **Peter Protests**

**v. 22 (v. 16)**

- **Jesus Rebukes Peter**

**v. 23**





# The Context

**Matt. 16:21-27**

- **Willingness to Suffer**

- **Taking Up One's Cross**

**v. 24**

- **Complete Surrender**

**v. 25**





# The Context

Matt. 16:21-27

- The Two-Part Question

*For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

- Emphasis: The Value of a Soul

- Lesson: This life is not our Primary Focus





# The Divine Answer

- **What Does it Profit? It Does Not!**

- **Riches Do Not Profit**

**Proverbs 11:4; Ecclesiastes 5:10**

- **Riches are Essentially Meaningless**

**Psalm 49:6-9**





# The Divine Answer

- **What Can One Give in Exchange? Nothing!**
  - **We Are Helpless**

Romans 5:6

- **All We Have is His, Anyway**

Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1<sup>st</sup> Chron. 29:11, 14





# The Divine Answer

- But God Has Provided!

- A Ransom

Matthew 20:28; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5, 6; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18, 19

- Doing What We Could Not

Romans 5:6, 8





# The Divine Answer

- The Value of a Soul?

- The Precious Blood of Jesus

cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18, 19

- For the Whole World

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:2; John 3:16; 1:29



