

Mark Part 17 - “Transformed” (8-17-25)

Main Text: Mark 9:1-13 (parallels: Matthew 17:1-13, Luke 9:28-36)

Mark 9:1-13 (ESV)

[1] And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” [2] And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. [5] And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” [6] For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” [8] And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. [9] And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. [10] So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. [11] And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” [12] And he said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? [13] But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

Let’s explore today’s Passage . . .

1) Invitation to Intimacy

Mark 9:2 (ESV)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

Note: Peter, James, and John alone with Jesus . . . Mark 5:37, 9:2, 13:3, 14:33

Mark 5:37 - Jarius’ daughter healed

Mark 13:3 - Jesus on the Mount of Olives - signs of the end of the age (Andrew included)

Mark 14:33 - Jesus praying in Gethsemane (asks them to watch & pray) / Sleepy here too (Luke 9:32)

Mark 9:9-10 (ESV)

[9] And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. [10] So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.

Note: They kept the secret as Jesus asked

Special Insight . . .

- **Elijah the Forerunner** - has come again as a precursor to the Messiah (John the Baptist - Matt. 17:13)

Matthew 17:13 (ESV)

Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

- **Moses & Elijah** represent the OT (Law and Prophets) that all anticipate and look forward to Jesus!

They are speaking with Jesus of his coming death, burial, resurrection, and ascension! (Luke 9:30-31)

Luke 9:30-31 (ESV)

[30] And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, [31] who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

2) Glimpsing Glory

Mark 9:2b-4 (ESV)

[2] . . . And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

Note: There is a hidden spiritual reality that is behind and intertwined with everything

- Daring to hope & believe in the glory of God
- Daring to leave the glorious mountain for the hardship and harvest below
- **Example:** Scene from Matrix 3 - Briefly rise above the clouds (and enemy onslaught) to glimpse the sun

We have a great need for the Presence of God . . .

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

[24] The LORD bless you and keep you; [25] the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; [26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Note: Don't be afraid to Hope, don't be afraid to believe, He is not just as good as we imagine, he's better than we can possibly imagine. Let His Face shine upon you!

Do we dare to see his glory and allow it to do its work . . .

3) Unveiled Faces

Mark 9:2b (ESV)

And he was transfigured before them

Note: What a simple statement, but packed with power!

Transfigured (Greek: G3339 - "Metamorpho"): To transform, transfigure, change one's form

Used 4x - In Mark 9:2 and Matt. 17:2 (Jesus Transfigured). In Romans 12:2 and 2 Cor. 3:18

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Note: There is such a strong pull from the world around us - various kingdoms, offers, opportunities. Ways to build our lives. Shiny things to hold our attention and to seek after.

But there is a different way of thinking and living- a transformation that allows us to discern (truly see) the better thing - God's design for life!

2 Cor. 3:18 - Context: in the midst of the discussion of the temporary glory of Moses shining face, vs. the permanent glory God is working in our lives, by His Spirit . . .

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (ESV)

[16] But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Note: Don't hide, look full in his wonderful face. Jesus has removed the veil, if we will only dare to look!

Hymn - "Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Conclusion: Transfigured - Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, and the work of the Spirit!