

The Transfiguration – Mark 9 1 - 10

Who is Jesus?

- ▶ Luke 9 v 7-9: When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled. Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead. Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead. I beheaded John,” Herod said, “so who is this man about whom I hear such stories?” And he kept trying to see him.
- ▶ Mark 8 v 21: “Don’t you understand yet?” he asked them.
- ▶ Mark 8 v 27b-29: he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.”
- ▶ Matt 5 v 17: “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.
- ▶ Mark 9 v 7: Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.”

What is His Mission?

- ▶ Mark 8 v 31-32: Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

Mark 8 v 33: Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

- ▶ Luke 9 v 30-31: Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

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The Reality of the Two Worlds

- ▶ Mark 9 v 1: Jesus went on to say, “I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!”
- ▶ Mark 9 v 2-4: Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus
- ▶ 2 Peter 1 v 16-18: We weren’t, you know, just wishing on a star when we laid the facts out before you regarding the powerful return of our Master, Jesus Christ. We were there for the preview! We saw it with our own eyes: Jesus resplendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke: “This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of all my delight.” We were there on the holy mountain with him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears. (Msg)

The Essential Factor for Discipleship

- ▶ Mark 9 v 7: Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.”
- ▶ Luke 8 v 8b: When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”
- ▶ Luke 8 v 18: “So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.”
- ▶ Luke 8 v 21: Jesus replied, “My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God’s word and obey it.”
- ▶ Mark 8 v 34-35: Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.