

THE GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**®  
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## CHAPTER 9, PART 1

*Verses 1-29*

### TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

It takes faith to accept and practice this lesson on True Discipleship, so Jesus is about to give dazzling proof that God does transform suffering into glory. Jesus is about to reveal His glory to three of His disciples and to demonstrate the glory of His future kingdom. It also takes the power of faith to overcome the enemy. Faith must be cultivated with spiritual discipline and devotion.

#### MEMORY VERSE

*Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."* **Mark 9:23**

**Read Mark 9:1-29.** Pick two phrases that jumped out to you from these verses. How are they speaking to you this week?

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION

1. Who is Jesus speaking to in Mark 9:1? (Also see Matt. 16:28 and Luke 9:27.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Six days later, where did Jesus go? Who did He take with Him (v.2)? (Also see Matt. 17:1;

3. These three disciples were also with Jesus at other important moments. Read the following Scriptures and list those times:

- Mark 5:37
- Mark 14:32-33
- Luke 8:51
- Matthew 26:37

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The high mountain is often identified as Mount Tabor, but Mount Hermon or Mount Meron may be better candidates.

4. What does Luke add as the reason why Jesus led them up to a high mountain (v.2)? (Also see Luke 9:28.)

5. According to Luke 9:29, as Jesus was praying what happened to Jesus appearance and His clothes?

- How does Mark describe what they saw (9:3)?
- How does Matthew describe what happened? (Matthew 17:2)
- How does this event fulfill Jesus's statement in Mark 9:1?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The word transfigured here is the Greek word metamorphism, or metamorphose in English. It was not light from the outside, but the transfiguration was the light that shone from within.

J. Vernon McGee

6. Look up the following verses; what do they describe similar to Mark 9:3?

- Daniel 7:9
- Psalm 104: 1-2
- Hebrews 1:3
- Revelation 21:23

7. Who were the two men who appeared with Jesus? What were they doing (v.4)? Also see Matt. 17:3; what additional information does Luke include about their conversation (Luke 9:30-31)?

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Jesus's nature was not changed, but unveiled.

## **DIG DEEPER**

What similarities are there between these two men? Where did God appear to both men? (See Exodus 24:12; 1 Kings 19:8-18.) How did both men leave this earth? (See Deuteronomy 34:5-8; 2 Kings 2:1; 9-11.)

The Transfiguration revealed Jesus above Moses and Elijah as the long awaited Messiah with full authority. Moses represented the law, and Elijah, the prophets. Their appearance showed Jesus as the fulfillment of both the Old Testament law and the prophetic promises.

8. What had the disciples been doing while this was going on (Luke 9:32)? When Peter realized what he was seeing, what did he say he should build? Why did Peter say this (vv.5-6)? (Also Luke 9:33; Matt. 17:4)

## **PERSONAL**

We too can experience glorious moments alone with Jesus and it would be wonderful to be able to live forever in those moments. How have you experienced glorious moments with Jesus where you like Peter wanted to stay on the mountain of glory? Share your experiences.

9. While Peter was still speaking a cloud overshadowed them who spoke from the cloud? Who did He say Jesus was (v.7)? (Also Matt. 17:5)

10. There are many times when God's presence has been revealed in the Scriptures. What other times has God's presence been shown through a cloud? Here are some Scriptures to help you: Exodus 14:19-24, 24:16, 33:9, 34:5, and 40:35; Numbers 10:34, 11:25; Deuteronomy 5:22.
11. What did He command the disciples (v.7)? (Also Matt. 17:5; Luke 9:35) What was the disciples' reaction to the voice (Matt. 17:6; Luke 9:34)?

### **PERSONAL**

Many voices speak to us and try to tell us how to know God and how to live. Here, God is telling us who to exclusively listen to. Who do you listen to? How do you hear from God? Which voices compete more for your ears? How will you silence those voices so you can hear exclusively from Jesus?

12. Later, after Jesus's death and resurrection, how does Peter confirm the Words from God (2 Peter 1:15-18)?
13. Suddenly, the disciples looked around and saw no one but Jesus. After such an intimate encounter with Jesus on the mountain, the disciples had to come back down to the valley below. What did Jesus command them not to do? When would they be able to speak of this glorious time (vv.9-10)?
14. The disciples were beginning to accept God's plan but were still puzzled about the scribes teaching that Elijah must come first. How does Malachi 3:1; 4:6 confirm this teaching?

15. How did Jesus respond to their question? How does Jesus reiterate His impending suffering? Who was Jesus referring to when He said Elijah has already come (vv.9-11)? (Also Matthew 17:10-13)

“Jesus made two facts clear. First, for those who trusted in Him, this “Elijah” was John the Baptist, for John had indeed prepared the way before Him. John had denied that he was Elijah come from the dead, (John 1:21,25), but he did minister in the “spirit and power of Elijah” (Luke 1:16-17). Second, there would be a future coming of Elijah, just as Malachi had predicted (Matthew 17:11), before the time of great tribulation. Some students connect this with Revelation 11:2-12.” *Warren Wiersbe*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Nine times in Mark’s Gospel Jesus enjoined people to be quiet about His messiahship. This is the only time when He put a time limit on the injunction. Jesus’ prohibition indicated that His glory and mission could not be understood fully until after His death and resurrection.”

**A BOY IS HEALED**

16. As Luke tells us, the next day as Jesus, Peter, James, and John came down from the mountain, they were thrown into a commotion of dispute with the multitude and scribes. When the crowd saw Jesus how did they greet Him? What does Jesus ask the scribes (vv.14-16)?

“Oh here now is the shepherd, and He sees His sheep in trouble. These scribes are there talking with them, and He’s going to go right to their defense. “What were you talking to them about?” A true heart of the shepherd to protect His sheep from the wolves.” *Pastor Chuck Smith*

17. Who comes forward to Jesus and what was his need (vv.17-18)? How does Matthew put an emphasis on the man’s desperation (Matthew 17:14-16)?

18. What two questions did Jesus speak to the people witnessing this desperate father’s plea (v.19)? (Also see Matt. 17:17; Luke 9:41.)

19. The nine disciples left at the bottom of the mountain could not help this father with his difficult situation and possibly the scribes were taunting them because of their failure. What did Jesus tell the father to do (v.19b)? What did the spirit immediately do when he saw Jesus (v.20)?
20. Jesus had a loving conversation with this man. What did He ask this father? The father explained the desperate situation to Jesus and what did this man ask of Jesus (vv.21-22)?
21. What did Jesus promise to this man's plea? How did this desperate man respond (vv.23-24)?

## **PERSONAL**

What are you going through right now where you are just like this desperate father? You believe but then you don't. Where do you need to believe that with God all things are possible?

22. After the desperate father cried for help with his unbelief and, as the people came running together, what did Jesus do (v.25)?
23. As the spirit came out of the child, what did the people say about him? What then did Jesus do to the child (vv.26-27)?
24. Later in the house, what did the disciples ask Jesus? How did Jesus answer His disciples (vv.28-29)?

“The disciples may have failed because they had been careless in their Spiritual walk and had neglected prayer and fasting. Jesus had previously given them power and authority over unclean spirits but only if exercised in faith, and faith must be cultivated through spiritual discipline and devotion.”

*Warren Wiersbe*

## **PERSONAL**

Prayer and fasting together unlock God’s power in our lives. How much of a priority is prayer in life?

## **DWELL ON THIS**

Prayer and fasting together unlock God’s power in our lives. “Pray in the Spirit at all times on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Ephesians 6:18

