



Mark 9

Mentoring and a Miracle

Prologue [Mark 9:1; Isaiah 52:13-15]

See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted.

¹⁴ But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.

¹⁵ And he will startle many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about. [Isaiah 52:13-15 NLT]

A. Jesus Transforms [9:2-13]

B. Jesus Heals . . . [9:14-29]

C. Jesus Discloses . . . [9:30-32]

D. Jesus Teaches . . . [9:33-50]

[1] Beware of the Love of Status [33-37]

[2] Recognizing the Team [38-40]

[3] Serve the Oppressed [41]

[4] Protect the Spiritually Vulnerable [42]

[5] Get Rid of Catalysts to Sin [43, 45, 47-48]

[6] Prepare to Be Purified [49-50]

[Mark 9:1] And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death [Hebrews 2:9] until they see the kingdom of God [13:30, Matthew 10:23, 23:36] after it has come with power.” [13:26; 14:62, Matthew 25:31]

[Mark 9:2-13] ² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. [a 9000-foot hike up Mt. Hermon] And he was transfigured before them, [G: metamorphoo] [2 Corinthians 3:18] ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. [Daniel 7:9, Psalm 104:2, Matthew 28:3] 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.” [Leviticus 23:4, 40, Deuteronomy 6:16] 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, [2 Peter 1:17, Exodus 19:9, 24:15,16] “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” [2 Peter 1:17, Exodus 19:9, 24:15,16] 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, [5:43, Matthew 8:4] until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. [8:31] ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, [Luke 9:36] questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. [John 16:17] And they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” [Matthew 11:14] And he said to them, ¹² “Elijah does come first to restore all things. [Malachi 4:6, Luke 1;16,17] And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things [Ps. 22:6, 7; Isa. 53:2, 3; Daniel 9:26; Zech. ariah 13:7; Phil. 2:7]; See Matthew 26:24] and be treated with contempt? [Luke 23:11, Acts 4:11] ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.” [2 Peter 1:16-18]

1. Read Mark 9:2-13. In these verses, Mark writes about Jesus’ transfiguration before Peter, James, and John. What is the significance of this event, and how does it impact the disciples' understanding of Jesus' identity? How do the appearances of Elijah and Moses contribute to this revelation?
2. Read Mark 9:14-29. Reflect on the story of Jesus healing the boy. What does this passage teach about the relationship between faith and healing? How does the father's plea, "I believe; help my unbelief," resonate with your own experiences of faith and doubt?
3. Read Mark 9:33-50. In these verses, Jesus teaches his disciples about humility, service, and dealing with sin. How does Jesus redefine greatness in his kingdom? What practical steps does he suggest for avoiding sin and maintaining spiritual purity? How can these teachings be applied in your daily life?
4. Pray asking God to [1] purify your heart and fill you with His peace, [2] for salt in yourself and the ability to live in harmony with those around you, [3] and the Godly guidance to live out the teachings of Christ daily, with a commitment to following Jesus and becoming more like Him.

[Mark 9:14-29] [Mathew 17:14-19; Luke 9:37-42] And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, **“What are you arguing about with them?”** ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, **“Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”** ¹⁹ And Jesus answered them, **“O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”** ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, **“How long has this been happening to him?”** And he said, **“From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”** ²³ And Jesus said to him, **“If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”** ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, **“I believe; help my unbelief!”** ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, **“You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”** ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, **“He is dead.”** ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, **“Why could we not cast it out?”** ²⁹ And He said to them, **“This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”**

[Mark 9:30-32] [Mathew 17:22, 23; Luke 9:43-45] They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for He was teaching his disciples, saying to them, **“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”** [8:31] ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. [6:52; Luke 2:50; 18:34; John 10:6; 12:16; 16:17-19;]

[Mark 9:33-37] And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house he asked them, **“What were you discussing on the way?”** [Matthew 18:1-5, Luke 9:46-48, Mark 10:35-45] ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And He sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, **“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”** [The FLIP] [Mark 10:43-44, Matthew 20:26-27, 23:11-12, Luke 22:26] ³⁶ And Jesus took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, He said to them, ³⁷ **“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”** [10:40,42]

[Mark 9:38-40] John said to him, **“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”** ³⁹ But Jesus said, **“Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us.**

[Mark 9:41] For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.” [Matthew 10:42]

[Mark 9:42] Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, [I Corinthians 8:12] it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.]

[Mark 9:43, 45, 47, 48] And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. [Matthew 5:30, 18:18] It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, [Matthew 5:22,29] to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. [Matthew 5:22,29, 18:8] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, [Matthew 5:22,29, 18:9] ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

[Mark 9:49-50] For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

“THROUGH PETER’S EYES”

THIS WEEK’S READING CHALLENGE [GOSPEL OF MARK]

Read Mark 10-11: Answer the question: What did you learn about Jesus in these chapters?