



THE GOSPEL OF

**MARK**



## Sermon Series Notes

“What it means to follow Jesus and why it’s worth it” (Mark 9:1-13)

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Themes- Salvation; obedience, changed lives

### Quick Review:

V. 27-30 - Peter- right answer -Bring this up for 2 reasons 1. Peter doesn’t always have his foot in his mouth. 2. To give us an idea where they are. Caesarea Philippi

**v. 31-32 Spoke plainly (as opposed to parables)- not the messiah they’ve all expected. The OT seems to speak about two different Messiah. A suffering one and a conquering hero. As such, ancient rabbis had a tough time reconciling the two so they spoke of two different Messiahs, one who was the "Son of David" and another who was the "Son of Joseph.**

V. 33 Peter- Hero to Zero; Champ to Chump

V. 34-35- God’s upside down kingdom- If you lose your life, you gain it!

Mark 9:1- Jesus hinting that some are going to see God’s kingdom in power!

V. 2 Luke: They went to pray- -Prayer retreat (Jesus often withdrew to lonely places. Jesus withdrew to pray prior to every significant event in his life.

**PPT**- Some say Mt. Tabor (probably not- Tabor was not high, nor remote and had a fortress on top in Jesus time (v.2 says they were all alone on a high mountain) - Ceasarea Philippi was close to Mt Hermon- 11,000 feet above Jordan Valley.

Almost missed the most amazing spiritual experience because they were sleeping

V. 3- Luke 9:29 account-Transfiguration Context - as he was praying. No stretch to say that prayer transforms us. Prior His glory was veiled, so that Isaiah could say, “He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him”

Jesus was *metamorphosed*. –GR:to change into something entirely different. John 1:14- *We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son.*

**PPT: Why? 2 Purposes:** 1. Confirmation 2. cause for hope

V. 4 **Elijah and Moses:** Luke: extended conversation of our Lord's departure- suffering/cross-  
Why Elijah and Moses?

1. **Summary of OT – The Law and the Prophets –**
2. **This event also glorified Jesus** above them
3. **seal of Jesus' messiahship-** 3 witnesses were needed to confirm.

V. 5-6 Peter: (better to say nothing and have people think you are a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt)

Why did Peter open his mouth? Mountaintop experience. Peter wanted to stay on mountain top. This is a good place to be, let's stick around

V.7 Shekinah glory comes

- **PPT It** was the pillar of cloud that stood by Israel in the wilderness (Exodus 13:
- **PPT It** was the cloud of glory that God spoke to Israel from ([Exodus 16:10](#))
- **PPT It** was the pillar of fire and cloud by day of glory that stood by the door of the Tabernacle (Exodus 33:9)
- **PPT It** was from this cloud God appeared to Solomon when the temple was dedicated, so filling the temple that the priests could not continue ministering ([1 Kings 8:10-11](#); [2 Chronicles 5:13-14](#))

**2 Peter 1:16-19** Cloud of glory

God speaks 3 things, simple, clear: 1. This is my son. (thus establishing his position) 2. I love him (it would be wise to love him too) 3. Listen to him (not a suggestion).

**Hebrews: 1:1-3**

**Listen to Jesus.** The law and prophets are good, but Jesus is ultimate. Listen to Him!

V.8 They only saw Jesus- that's what needs to happen. Fix our eyes on Jesus alone.

V. 11 Scribes quote Mal. 4:5 which predicted that Elijah would come before the Messiah. As such Rabbinic tradition was that Elijah would come 3 days before the Messiah. 1<sup>st</sup> day: in a shout across the world: *Peace comes to the world* 2<sup>nd</sup> day *Good comes to the world* 3<sup>rd</sup> day: *Salvation comes to the world.*

V.12 True, Elijah has come. John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah. When he was asked if he was Elijah in John 1, he said no. But... Elijah will come physically to announce the second coming of Jesus as he comes to gather his people.

Jesus confidently moved single mindedly to the cross he knew was in his future.

Why is this so important, how could Jesus move confidently knowing what was ahead? *the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point,*

*acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.*([Lee 2004](#), p. 2)- There is no mediator between man and God but the man Christ Jesus.

**Application:**

1. **We need a transfiguration.** Jesus, the second Adam showed us the way as that connecting point between heaven and earth.
2. **Who is Jesus to you?** Multitudes: good man, prophet, good example as the emergent church says? Or as Peter said 1 chapter back, son of God, Messiah, Savior. It's as if God is saying to each of us: 1. Jesus is my son 2. I love him, you'd be wise to love him too 3. Listen to him.  
Article by Jon Courson: the Jackson County Sherriff who was not a Christian, wrote him a letter saying his church was the best thing that happened to the county because so many of the drug dealers had become Christian, crime was down considerably
3. Are we pressing in in prayer or missing out because we're **spiritually lazy**?
4. Are we **willing to leave the mountaintop** to go deal with the people who desperately need our help?
5. Do we consider that suffering might be God's plan for us?
6. Luke 1 :38 I am the Lord's Servant, Mary answered, May it be to me as you have said.