



The Transfiguration Mark 9

February 17

OVERVIEW: [Mark](#)

CONTEXT: As Mark writes to convince us to believe in and follow Jesus we have a series of encounters in chs. 8b–10 where Jesus clarifies just what type of Messiah He would be. The Transfiguration, a key but neglected moment in the life Jesus, is central to us understanding who He is.

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Caesarea Philippi, Mk 8:27–30)

- How is the context of Caesarea Philippi key to understanding the claims about Jesus?
- Who do people say Jesus is today?
- What type of Christ did Peter envision?
- Why does Jesus' exclusive claim (Jn 14:6) unsettle our culture?
- How can we best minister an exclusivist message in a pluralistic culture?

REVIEW: Mk 9:2–13

QUESTIONS:

1. **Can you share about a time when you surprised someone or unveiled some exciting news (e.g. birthday party, pregnancy reveal, a special gift, etc).**
2. *Jesus wanted to surprise some of His disciples, to help them understand who He was. So, He took them up a "high mountain" to show them something special about Himself.*
3. Why did Jesus choose a mountain?
4. **Why did Jesus only take some of His disciples, the inner circle? What do you think this says about discipleship?**
5. *Transfigured means changed, transformed, altered (metamorphosis).*

6. Was He really changed or was who He was revealed to them? (Note suggesting the light didn't happen by asking this).
7. Do you agree with the assessment that this event in Jesus' life is often neglected? Why do you think that is so?
8. V. 3- What do you think His appearance revealed about who He was and why He came? (See: Dan 7:9; Lk 24:4; Acts 1:10; Heb 1:3; Rev 1:14, 20:11;).
9. V. 4- *If that wasn't enough, two other revered OT figures appeared. What do Elijah and Moses represent? What do you think they were talking with Jesus about?*
10. V. 6- Why should we be slow to speak? How can the desire to "say something" cause us to put our foot in our mouth?
11. V. 5- *A tent (think Tabernacle) was linked to worship (see v. 7). It may also have been an attempt to preserve that moment. How can people seek to hold on to religious experiences, or even manufacture them? How ought we to view those gracious "thin spaces" where heaven and earth seem to meet together in our experience? Can we fabricate them in our future?*
12. V. 7- *The cloud is God the Father. What does His voice rebuke and who does it affirm and how?*
13. V. 8- The Law and the Prophets pointed to Jesus, after Him they had been fulfilled, hence their disappearance. How would Jesus fulfil them?
14. V. 9- Why did Jesus want this to be kept secret? What type of Messiah would He be? *They still didn't get it, though Jesus had spoken with them (Mk 8:31–9:2).*
15. Thinking of great Messianic events (remember the end of Malachi), the disciples asked, v. 11. Jesus affirmed that he does come before the Messiah, but also that the OT prophesied the Messiah would be a suffering servant (Isa 53)
16. V. 13- *If Elijah was treated as He was (John the Baptist), how much more will the Son of Man be treated ill!*
17. **How must we see Jesus aright to come to trust in Him?**
18. **What misconceptions can we have about Jesus? How can we set these aright?**

NEXT TIME: February 24, Lk 11, the Lord's Prayer