

The Beginning of The Gospel Pt 10 (Mark Chapter 9)

"This is My Son, Whom I love; Listen to Him!"

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The Lord Unveiled Is Who He Truly Is

Mark 9:1-4 He said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." After six days Jesus took Peter, James & John with Him & led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There *He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them* & there appeared before them Elijah & Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Revelation 1:12-18 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands & among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet & with a golden sash around His chest. His head & hair were white like wool, as white as snow & His eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace & his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

In His right hand He held seven stars & out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me & said: "Do not be afraid. I Am the First & the Last. I Am the Living One; I was dead & behold I Am alive for ever & ever! And I hold the keys of death & Hades.

The Son of God Is God's Word Personified

Mark 9:5-8 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses & one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared & enveloped them & a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, Whom I love; Listen to Him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, *they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.*

Hebrews 1:1-2 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days GOD has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed Heir of all things, and through Whom He made the universe.

The Law & The Prophets Concur With God's Plan For The Salvation Of The World

Luke 9:30-31 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about His departure, which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

In Our Limited Knowledge We Struggle To Understand The Teachings of The Lord

Mark 9:9-11 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant. They asked Him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

The Lord Points Us To What Has Already Happened To Help Us Understand What Is Yet To Come

Mark 9:12-13 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first & restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much & be rejected? But I tell you, Elijah has come & they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him."

When The Lord Arrives, Argument Is Replaced With Wonder

Mark 9:14-16 When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them & the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder & ran to greet Him. "What are you arguing with them about?" He asked.

Human Needs Are Basically All Spiritual

Mark 9:17-18 A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth & becomes rigid. I asked Your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

Our Lack of Trust In The Lord Exasperates Him!

Mark 9:19 "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "How long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me."

Our Need For Faith In The Lord Is Constant & Constantly Challenged

Mark 9:20-22 So, they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground & rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us & help us."

Mark 9:23-26a "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (apeithia-apathetic) When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, He rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf & mute spirit," He said, "I command you, come out of him & never enter him again." The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently & came out.

Spiritual Power is Based In Spiritual Discipline

Mark 9:26b-29 The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand & lifted him to his feet & he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Even Disciples Of The Lord Have Difficulty Grasping The Way Of The Lord

Mark 9:30-32 They left that place & passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill Him & after three days He will rise." But they did not understand what He meant & were afraid to ask Him about it.

Greatness With The Lord Is Recognized In The Greatness of Service

Mark 9:33-35 They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve & said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last & the servant of all."

Mark 9:36-37 He took a little child & had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My Name welcomes Me & whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One Who sent Me."

How People Treat Other People Reveals Their Spiritual Condition

Mark 9:38-41 "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in Your Name & we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in My Name can in the next moment say anything bad about Me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in My Name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

Mark 9:42-43 If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell,

Mark 9:48-50 ...where their worm does not die & the fire is not quenched. Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves & be at peace with each other.