

**WEEK 21**  
**July 26 Ricky Chambers**  
**Mark 9:2-13**

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

What were some of the mistaken impressions the disciples, Jews, and Gentiles had of Jesus?

What mistaken impressions do people have of Jesus today? How can a proper understanding of the incarnation help people avoid these misconceptions?

What is the meaning of the word amen at the beginning of Jesus' statement (9:1)? How is it encouraging?

In what sense was Jesus changed in the transfiguration, and in what sense was He unchanged?

How did Jesus fulfill the promises Moses and Elijah embodied?

What would you say to someone who argued that the disciples only dreamed Jesus was transfigured?

What do you suppose Peter was thinking or feeling when he suggested building three shelters?

How does the command to listen to Jesus alone, and not Moses or Elijah, affect our view of the prophets, priests, and kings of the Old Testament?

How would the transfiguration have given Jesus greater resolve to continue on His path to the cross?

Was there a moment in your life when Jesus suddenly was revealed to you as glorious and holy God? Share that moment with someone this week.

Read verses 2-8. What does the supernatural brightness of Jesus (verses 3-4) and the descent of a cloud (verse 7) tell us about Jesus' person and work? (Remember the cloud and bright light in the book of Exodus.)

Refer to verses 4-12.

What does the presence of Moses and Elijah and the voice from the cloud tell us about Jesus' person and work?

Refer to verses 2-8.

Why does the voice from the cloud add "Listen to Him!"? What do we learn from this?

Why do you think the transfiguration occurs right after Jesus' first teachings on his death? Why is this not just important for the disciples but for us?

In verses 11-13, what does Jesus mean in his reference to Elijah? What is Jesus trying to teach them in this reference?

Read verses 14-29.

What do you think is the main point of this miracle? How do we know? Why does Mark put this story here, sandwiched between two passages on how the Messiah has to die (8:31-9:13 and 9:30-32)?

From verses 19 and 23, what does Jesus see as the basic problem of all who are involved? Why does Jesus speak so sharply to the disciples? Why can't they handle the situation?

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## **DIGGING DEEPER**

Backing Up The Boat: Good News For The Weak and Doubting - Larry Osborne - Mark 9:1-29

<https://vimeo.com/347964027>

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<http://sermons.northcoastchurch.com/notesheets/2019/mrk28.pdf>

## **How To Ruin God's Plan For Us - Chris Brown**

Mark 9:2-10

<https://vimeo.com/349255168>

### **Lessons from the mountaintop:**

Mark 8:29-38, 2 Peter 1:16-17, John 15:1-17, Romans 12:1-2

- Don't call Jesus Lord until you understand Lordship.
- Jesus will never be part of our life, but will gladly take all of our life.
- We need to re-define surrender as not losing our life, but gaining our life.

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Mark 9

<https://youtu.be/NuMdgRJjR74>

Mark 9:1-13

<https://youtu.be/dcwZLAK4qp8>

Mark 9:1-13 Lessons from the Transfiguration

<https://youtu.be/rwaCHVajipk>