

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 20: Mark 9:1-13

Jesus makes a pronouncement (v. 1)

- This saying of Jesus has caused much discussion
 - Some see the fulfillment at the Transfiguration
 - Others believe it was or will be much later

Matt. 16:28
Luke 9:27

The Transfiguration (vv. 2-8)

- Peter, James, and John are the de facto “inner circle”
- The two most popular sites for this are Mt. Tabor and Mt. Hermon
 - Mt. Hermon is much higher and closer to Caesarea Philippi
- “transfigured” in the original Greek forms our word “metamorphosis”
- Moses and Elijah are popularly thought to represent the law and prophets
- Peter blurts out that they should build tents for the three
- The voice from the cloud commands them to listen to Jesus

Matt. 17:1-8
Luke 9:28-36

What does the change in appearance of Jesus represent?

What is wrong with Peter’s suggestion?

What does the voice in the cloud mean about listening to Jesus?

The three continue to ponder (vv. 9-13)

- Jesus instructs the three to keep this to themselves until He has risen from the dead
- Malachi 4:5-6 is the basis for the teaching on Elijah’s return
- Jesus makes a reference to John the Baptist
 - He seems to be looking back at Ahab and Jezebel
 - 1 Kings 19:1ff shows their disdain for Elijah
 - They are a type of Herod and Herodias
- Jesus’ statement about the Son of Man suffering points to Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Matt. 17:9-13
Luke 9:22

Why was the idea of rising from the dead so difficult for the three (or the 12)?

What is it that Elijah restores?