

# Beyond Words: The Gospel of Mark

Message #12 - God's Ways, Not My Ways

Mark 8:22 - 9:13

## Jesus heals a blind man (Mark 8:22-26):

This is the only " \_\_\_\_\_ " healing recorded in the gospels.

## Peter's declaration (Mark 8:27 - 9:1):

1. Peter correctly identifies Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Even though Mark says that Jesus " \_\_\_\_\_ " about who he was, but Peter takes Jesus aside and \_\_\_\_\_ him.
3. People were making all kinds of predictions concerning the identity and purpose of Jesus - most of these relating to the possibility that Jesus would lead them into a \_\_\_\_\_ (one based on political or military strength).
4. But the kingdom Jesus came to establish is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The people were thinking \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom; Jesus was thinking \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom. They were thinking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus was thinking here, now, and \_\_\_\_\_.

## The transfiguration of Christ (Mark 9:2-13):

1. The problem was that the disciples were looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah.
2. Jesus is referring to Elijah as a \_\_\_\_\_ representation.

**It is impossible to completely figure God out. This is why my relationship with Him is built on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**If I have all the \_\_\_\_\_, then I am in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**But if I don't have it all figured out, then I'm at a place where I have to \_\_\_\_\_ someone who does.**

22 They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't go into the village."

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ."

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

9 And 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."

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 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 and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 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. 10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

11 And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

12 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? 13 But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him." (Mark 8:22-9:13, NIV)