

# Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 9)

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM

## Series objective

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that causes us look in the mirror. Most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ, what He did for us, and the calling He has for our lives.

## Overview of Chapter 9

Verse 1	Prophecy on the Kingdom of God
Verses 2-13	The Transfiguration
Verses 14-29	Jesus heals a boy possessed by an impure spirit
Verses 30-37	Jesus predicts His death a second time
Verses 38-41	Whoever is not against us is for us
Verses 42-50	Warning regarding other Believers to stumble

1. In verse 1 Jesus makes an unusual comment, "some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power." Considering the following as possible interpretations for this passage. What are your thoughts?
  - a. The upcoming Transfiguration
  - b. The Resurrection and Ascension
  - c. Pentecost and the filling of the Holy Spirit
  - d. John vision on Patmos that led to the writing of Revelation
2. The Transfiguration (verses 2 through 13) is one of the most amazing events recorded in the New Testament. Answer the following questions.
  - a. Who were the two Old Testament men who appeared to Jesus and why are they significant? Consider Revelation 11 in developing your response.
  - b. What is almost comical in what Peter did and God's response?
  - c. Why do you think Jesus told Peter, James, and John to not tell anyone until after the Resurrection?
3. After the Transfiguration, Jesus came down from the mountain. He really chastised the disciples because of their inability to heal the man's son. What are some lessons we can extract from verses 14 through 29, especially with regards to seeing God's work carried out on earth?
4. Read verses 30 through 37. One major observation we have in looking at Jesus' life was His willingness to be a servant. One challenge that befalls every leader in both the secular and church worlds is humility and a willingness of put others first. Why is this so hard for us, especially as men? Consider Paul's words to the Philippians in 2:1-4 (*emphasis added*).

<sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,* <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5. One of the greatest challenges that has negatively impacted the church over the past 2,000 years is our inability to get along. All too often we seem overly-focused on who is right and insufficiently-focused on brothers and sisters in Christ who are also pursuing God. Jesus addresses this in verses 38-41.
  - a. What would happen if the Church learned to work together?
  - b. Are there any grounds on which we must stand and be willing to divide? If so, where?
6. This chapter ends in verses 42 through 50 with Jesus warning us against causing young Believers from stumbling. Specifically, Jesus addresses the issue of sin and its impact on our lives and those around us.
  - a. In reading this passage, do you conclude that Jesus is pretty serious about sin in our lives?
  - b. What are some practical interpretations of this text? In other words, assuming Jesus does not want us to literally pluck out our eyeballs and cut off limbs.

Our next study (Wednesday, July 31 – Sam Nutter with Wycliffe Bible Translators planning to join us)

Read Mark 10. Look specifically at verses 17 through 31. Is there anything in your life you have been unwilling to give up for the Kingdom and what has been the consequence? I realize this is a very personal question.



  
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