



Topeka Bible Church
"Thy Kingdom Come"
Community Group Study Questions
Mark 9:1-13 and selected passages

1. What is Jesus talking about here in *Mark 9:1*? How does this verse relate to His statement in *8:38* about His coming in glory? How does this verse relate to the section that follows here in *Mark 9:2ff*?

2. Why did Jesus' transfiguration look like (*Mark 9:2-3*)? How did this transfiguration display the power of God's kingdom, while giving a foretaste of Jesus' future coming in glory (*Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:12-16; 19:11-13*)?

3. Why were Elijah and Moses present on this mountaintop with Jesus (*Mark 9:4*)? What was significant about these two great figures from the Jewish faith? How might Jesus fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophets relate to their appearance?

4. Why did Peter suggest making three tabernacles (*Mark 9:5*)? Did Peter intend to establish a permanent dwelling on the mountaintop (cf. *Exodus 25:8-9*)? Why were these three disciples terrified (*Mark 9:6*)? Would you have responded like Peter did?

5. Verse 7 is literally the middle of Mark's gospel. Why is this verse so important? Why did God the Father order them to listen to His Son (cf. *Matthew 3:17*)? At the same time, why did Jesus tell them not to say anything about this until after His resurrection (*Mark 9:9*)? Notice Peter's own account of this event in *2 Peter 1:16-18*.

6. If Jesus had clearly shared about His resurrection before (*Mark 8:31-32*), why were these men still confused (*Mark 9:10*)? Again, why is Elijah mentioned (*Mark 9:11-12*; *Malachi 4:5-6*)? Who is the "Elijah" that Jesus mentions in verse 13 (*John 1:6-7, 21*)?

7. What difference does the Transfiguration make in your life? Do you think of Jesus Christ's glorious return? How can you specifically live for God's future kingdom in the here and now? With whom can you share this glorious truth with this week?

Memory Verse:

"Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!'"
(*Mark 9:7, NASB*)