

Mark 9:1-30 | The Shining

1. January 5,6,8,9th "Windstorm" a look at the Power of the Holy Spirit, past revivals, and how that relates to us today
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We are at a turning point in the Gospel of Mark. Last week Jesus changes course in his teaching and ministry—beginning to reveal his identity and plan to go to Jerusalem and die. We saw last week that Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” and “Who do you say that I am?” and Peter confesses “You are the Christ” but immediately blunders into trying to convince Jesus that this plan of his can’t be from God to which Jesus responds “Get behind me Satan!” (kind of like all of us, one minute we get it, the next we don’t)

Jesus then begins to share of the sacrifice that will be involved in being a wholehearted disciple “Whoever desires to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Chapter 9

And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

- They haven’t a clue what he’s talking about. It’s interesting that Peter had Mark share this in his account—seeing Jesus for Who He truly is, in His splendor, is the power of the kingdom

Vs. 2

Now after six days (I wonder if they rested during this time) Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

- The highest mountain in the area would be Mt Hermon at 9,230 feet, snow covered for much of the year
- Remarkable mountain on the border of Lebanon and Syria on the Golan Heights (Highest UN position in the world)
- Mount Hermon is also called the "snowy mountain," the "gray-haired mountain," and the "mountain of snow." It is also called "the eyes of the nation" in [Israel](#) because its elevation makes it Israel's primary [strategic early warning system](#).
- Transfigured before them! The word is *metamorphoo*, (Opposite of hypocrisy or masquerade-outside in)—metamorphosis, from the inside out. Something coming from within
- This is Jesus shining from within. Glistening like lightening.

Vs. 3

His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

- The inside of Jesus is shining forth and even causes his raiments to shine too!

And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

- How do they know who these guys are? There are no movies, photos, or picture books at the time
- They just knew who they were—we will know in the kingdom like we can't know naturally
- They see Elijah and Moses speaking to Jesus
- Luke tells us that they are talking about his death. His exodus. He will lead "captivity captive." Victory over the devil and death! Moses could never do this. Elijah could never do this.

- This is the great exodus—Jesus will say “it is finished,” “Paid in full”
- They are seeing glimpse of the kingdom of heaven!
- I believe that Elijah and Moses are the two prophets that will come to the earth in the last days, depicted in Rev 11. Jude tells us that the body of Moses was disputed over, possibly meaning that he did not physically die
- They will show up again, with their bodies still intact

Vs. 5

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—

- Peter hasn’t even been asked anything. The man who hates silence
- It’s a good thing we’re here! Can you imagine Moses looking at him and shaking his head. I tried that at the burning bush.
- “Three tabernacles” placing Jesus at the same level. Mark must have asked Peter, why did you say that?
- So Mark added vs 6

because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

- They are fearful! They see Jesus in his glory! Whenever the 4th dimensional world invades our three dimensional world, it is frightening. Don’t say things like “If I could only see an angel...”

Vs. 7

And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”

- This is the second time that God the Father speaks such words of encouragement—
 - At his baptism of new life, the beginning of his public ministry,
 - At his baptism of fire, the beginning of his final journey into Jerusalem and the cross
- These are obviously the most significant words of encouragement to Jesus—and for us—you are his beloved son...

Vs. 8-10

Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

- He knows these guys. They will talk. It's not time yet.
- The Jews believe in a general resurrection, but what does this mean? A different resurrection...It will be developed over time, but they don't get it right now
- The disciples will never see Jesus the same way again! This is GOD!!
- This is when they start arguing about who will be with him on the right and left side
- For you and I, even in the ages to come, we will be always be growing with him. His beauty, his incorruption, his unending nature we will continue to discover new things
- We will come to crossroads of difficulties in our lives. We will

need to see him in a new way, a fresh revelation will be needed

- Ex. the past year, Liz and I have needed fresh revelation and a new measure of his grace...He will do that for all of us

Vs. 11

And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

- Wait, doesn't the scriptures say that Elijah must come first? The scribes say it; Malachi says it. So what is going on? We thought Elijah must come before the great and terrible day of the Lord

Vs. 12

Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him.”

- Elijah is coming! Elijah has come! He is speaking of John the Baptist
- The power and anointing of Elijah—first with John the Baptist, and later in the latter days, Elijah will come with signs and wonders (Rev 11)
- Elijah is still coming with Moses on the last days. Everyone will see Elijah and Moses and CNN and FoxNews will be there as they do signs and wonders. The first 3.5 years will be their ministry

And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to *Him*, greeted Him.

- The word “amazed,” means “staggered”

- Some have said that the residue of this glory, like Moses, was still on Jesus

Vs.16

And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?” Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

- He means that the spirit is seizing him—seizures

Vs. 19

He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.”

- I wonder if Jesus is tired and exasperated
- His disciples can't cast this demon out and it appears that the issue is one of unbelief, lack of faith

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

- This spirit is very vile. Very stubborn. Very violent. But especially in the presence of Jesus
- Some spirits are very powerful
- There are different level of spirits

So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.

- From birth—Was the family offering him to a pagan god when

he was a baby?

- Here is a father who has been robbed of a relationship with his son and he might even be the cause of the demonization. We don't know
- Interesting that Jesus only wants to know when the spirit entered him and nothing else
- He doesn't cast blame; he doesn't find fault
- This father loves his son. This father has drug his son over to Jesus and he is broken for his son

And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

- Help us Lord! High level spirits only want to kill

Vs.23

Jesus said to him, “If You can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.”

- If I can?? No, will you believe! It's up to you to believe

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

- A genuine cry!

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”

- The spirit is causing the sickness. Note that most demonization causes the loss of some function—hearing, speaking, balance, mental faculties, Epilepsy? Cancers? Tumors?

- A rebuke results in a healing! It takes faith to rebuke something you can't see

Vs. 26 Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

- This is a powerful spirit—looks like he's dead

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

- Jesus touches him, picks him up, so tenderly

Vs. 28

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

- A lifestyle! He is saying that there are levels of spirits that cannot be pushed out, cast out, without a greater power
- Fasting and prayer is one of the great weapons of the Lord against the forces of darkness
- Fasting and prayer is for Fierce Warriors, violent men and women who are serious about a breakthrough:
 - A High level spirit require high level tactics (like taking out a stronghold up on a mountain top require more sophisticated strategies
 - A High level spirit require higher level weapons
 - An entrenched spirit (since childhood in this case) is familiar and accepted and requires a new way of thinking—renewing one's mind against the familiar
- This is why we are doing Windstorm...