

## Seeing And Serving Christ (Mark 9)

Mark 9 contains one of the most dramatic events in the life of Christ apart from His death and resurrection: His transfiguration. Many Christians do not understand the deep significance of this great event. We ought to study it carefully taking in every verse. Christ's transfiguration is recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke, and took place on a high mountain (probably Mount Hermon). While Jesus was in prayer His appearance was changed, and "His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them" (v3). Three of Jesus disciples were there to witness His transformation – Peter, James and John. They also heard the voice of God. Peter refers to the transfiguration in His second epistle (2Peter 1:16-18). Lets study Mark's account of the transfiguration and the verses that follow. When we look at Jesus, there can be no doubt at all in our minds – He is the Christ, the image of the invisible God.

### POINTS TO PONDER:

#### A. JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN (V1-13)

- This event took place about four months before Christ's crucifixion.
- It confirmed the faith of the disciples that Jesus was indeed Christ, the Son of God.
- *Read 2Peter 1:16-18.* What does Peter say about Christ's transfiguration?

#### B. JESUS CASTS OUT A DEMON FROM A BOY (V14-29)

- This bad case of demon possession baffled the disciples (v28).
- The scene described in v17-24 is typical of the world we live in today. We see—  
*1. The Presence of Evil; 2. The Absence of Faith; 3. The Weakness of Christ's Followers*
- To gain the victory over Satan, Christ points us to prayer and fasting (v29).

#### C. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES IN CAPERNAUM

- *"When He was in the house"* (v33). This may have been Peter's house.
- As Christians we are to deal with sin ruthlessly (v43-48).
- *How can your hand, your foot, and your eye cause you to sin?* (Read Prov. 6:16-18).

### CHALLENGE TO CHANGE:

When God the Father spoke to the disciples on the high mountain, He said: **"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"** (v7). How important it is for you and I to hear Jesus and give Him the number one place that He deserves in our lives. Because the Father has given all glory to Him, there is simply no one greater. **"No one...but only Jesus"** (v8). *Does Christ occupy first place: ...In your life? ...In your thoughts? ...In your heart?* Because He is the Son of the most high God, He deserves nothing less. In Matthew 28:18, He said: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Lets come to Him on bended knee and give Christ all honour and glory.