

The Transfiguration, Mark 9:1-13

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Read Mark 9:1

Mark 9:1 connects with 8:35-38 as the (climax) of Jesus' teaching on discipleship & the promise that he will (come again) in (glory)

Read Mark 9:2-8

“transfigured”, *metamorphóō*;

The miracle of transformation from an (earthly) form into a (supernatural) form

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Peter, James and John were Jesus' (inner circle) disciples and were going to be given (great responsibility)

Peter would become the (preacher) on the Day of (Pentecost) and would be the (first) to take the gospel to the (Gentiles) in Acts 10

James would become the first of the disciples to (die as a martyr)

Acts 12:1-3

1 It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them.

2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

3 When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

Peter's life was (supernaturally spared) until he was (crucified) in (Rome) in the year 64

John lived to the age of 90, long enough to record the book of (Revelation) in spite of being (boiled in oil)

John 21:18-23

- 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."
- 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"
- 20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")
- 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"
- 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."
- 23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

God gives us the vision, then He takes us down to the valley to batter us into the shape of the vision, and it is in the valley that so many of us faint and give way. – Oswald Chambers

Neither Elijah nor Moses (died) a (natural death)

Read Mark 9:9-13

2 Peter 1:16-18

- 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."
- 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 20:24-29

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Peter, James and John had the (privilege) of (physically) seeing Jesus in his (glory)

We are called to (believe) what we (cannot see); living by (faith)

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

What are your greatest challenges right now in living a life of faith?