

The Gospel According To MARK

Chapter 9:1-13

“A Glimpse of Glory!”

> Let's begin with Mark 8:34 through 9:1, (context).

> **THREE OBSERVATIONS PLUS ONE:**

#1 – Observe the GLORIOUS TRANSFIGURATION of JESUS CHRIST!

#2 – Observe the GLORIOUS TESTIMONY of MOSES and ELIJAH!

#3 – Observe the GLORIOUS VOICE of the FATHER from HEAVEN!

#4 – LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

#1 – Observe the GLORIOUS TRANSFIGURATION of JESUS CHRIST! (v2-3)

> Luke's Gospel says Jesus took them up to pray Luke 9:29-33 - *As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.*

- **When Jesus prays great things happen!** Matthew's account says, *“His face shone like the sun and His became bright as the light.”* John the beloved shares about the very nature of Jesus Christ in **John 1:4-5** - *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. **John 1:9** - That was the true Light, which gives light to every man coming into the world. **John 1:14** - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- **When we pray in JESUS NAME great things happen!** Jesus said in John 14:13-14 - *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. Sincere PRAYER changes everything about you and the lives of others!* Spend time in prayer and your facial expressions will change, your attitude about life will change, your heart and mind will change, people will see and experience God's love, peace and joy beaming out of your soul! **Have you come to a place of TRANSFIGURATION through JESUS CHRIST, if not, then PRAY!**

#2 – Observe the GLORIOUS TESTIMONY of MOSES and ELIJAH! (v4-6)

> On the scene appears **Moses and Elijah** and they were talking to Jesus, what about? Luke 9:30-31 tells us, *“And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease (Gk. *exodus* - an exit, i.e. (figuratively) death) which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”* Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively.

> **Let's see how MOSES points to the MESSIAH, which is JESUS CHRIST:**

- **Moses was spared death as a baby (Exodus 2) / Herod tried to kill Jesus when he was a baby (Mt 2:13–23)**

- **Moses renounced a royal court / Jesus gave up the glories of heaven to save us (Philippians 2:5–8; Hebrews 11:24–27)**

- **Moses He had COMPASSION on His people (Nu 27:17) / Jesus had COMPASSION for all (Mt 9:36)**

- **Moses made intercession for the people (Dt 9:18) / Jesus makes intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25)**

- **Moses spoke with God face to face (Ex 34:29, 30) / Jesus and the Father are One (John 17:22)**

- **Moses was the mediator of a covenant (Dt 29:1) / Jesus is the mediator of a New Covenant (Hebrews 8:6, 7).**

- **Moses was a DELIVERER for Israel; he delivered them from slavery, Egypt, Pharaoh, to a promise land / Jesus DELIVERS us from the slavery of sin, this dark world, the Devil and death to eternal life in heaven.**

- Moses was a **LAWGIVER** for Israel – Jesus **FULFILLED THE LAW** in His sinless life taking our **GUILT UPON HIMSELF** at the cross, saving us from judgment! (Romans 8:2-5 - *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*)

- Moses was a **MEDIATOR** for Israel / Jesus is our **MEDIATOR!** (1 Tim 2:5-7 - *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*)

- Moses face **SHONE** before Israel as he received the Ten Commandments from God at Mt. Sinai / Jesus face shone brighter than the sun on the Mt. of Transfiguration and the Father speaks and says, **“This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!”**

- Moses prepared the **PASSOVER LAMB** / Jesus is the **LAMB OF GOD**, our Passover lamb (John 1:29-30 - *Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*)

- Moses ate **Manna from heaven** / Jesus is the **BREAD OF LIFE!** (John 6:57-58 - *As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven — not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.*)

- Moses raised up the brass serpent upon a pole, whereas, to save the people from the venomous death bite of the serpents / Jesus saves us by his death upon the cross (John 3:14-15 - *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*)

- Moses partook of the water from the rock / Jesus is the **ROCK OF OUR SALVATION** which provides **“living water”** for the thirsty soul. (John 7:37-38 - *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*)

> **ELIJAH represents the PROPHETS that proclaim **JESUS is the CHRIST!****

- Elijah's (ninth century B.C.) prophetic activities emphasized the unconditional loyalty to God required of the nation of Israel. His strange dress and appearance (2 Kings 1:8), his fleetness of foot (1 Kings 18:46), his rugged constitution that resisted famine (1 Kings 19:8), and his cave-dwelling habits (1 Kings 17:3; 19:9) all suggest that he was a robust, outdoors-type personality. Elijah was opposed to the accepted standards of his day, when belief in many gods was normal. He appears in the role of God's instrument of judgment upon a wayward Israel because of the nation's widespread idolatry. The miracles that Elijah performed occurred during the period when a life-or-death struggle took place between the religion of Jehovah and BAAL worship (**1 Kings 18:17-40**).

James writes about Elijah - James 5:16-18 - *The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

The prophet Elijah did not die. He was carried bodily to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:1-11). This was an honor previously bestowed only upon ENOCH (Gen 5:24). ELISHA, the only witness to this event, took up Elijah's mantle which fell from him as he ascended.

John MacArthur unveils an interesting point that Moses represents the saints who have died and Elijah represents those who will be raptured!

#3 – Observe the GLORIOUS VOICE of the FATHER from HEAVEN! (v7-8)

- *A cloud overshadowed them; and voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son Hear Him!”* - Let's listen to the voice of Jesus by studying the Word of God!

#4 – LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD! (v9-13)

- Let's live for the glory of God like Elijah, like John the Baptist, like Moses, like Peter, James and John as well as the others. Let's be ready for the rapture of the church, like Elijah was ready! (1 Corinthians 15:50-53) Let's Go for God!