

Questions on Mark chapter 9

1. In this passage, there is a “veiled” allusion to a death and to a great event. Whose death is it and what is the great event? Verse 1.
2. What Old Testament prophets appeared at Jesus’ transfiguration and talked with Him and what were they discussing? Verses 2-4. (See Luke 9:31)
3. What was Peter’s suggestion when he saw Jesus and the prophets and why did he suggest it? Verses 5-6.
4. What event kept the disciples from witnessing the departure of Moses and Elijah and the disappearance of the glory? Verses 7-8.
5. If the disciples had told what they saw, do you think they would have been believed? Verse 9.
6. In what way had Elijah come and accomplished the work predicted of him by Malachi? Verses 10-13.

7. By referring to verses 16-18, about what do you think the Scribes were questioning the nine disciples? Verses 14-15.

8. In addition to being subject to fits, what other afflictions in the young man were the result of demon possession? Verses 16-18.

9. Who was addressed in Jesus' lamentation, "O faithless generation"? Verse 19.

10. What acts on the part of the demon showed its wickedness and obstinacy? Verses 20-22.

11. When Jesus said, "If thou canst believe," and the man said, "Lord I believe," what does He then call his weak faith? Verses 23-24.

12. What final insult of torture was inflicted by the demon as it left the young man, and what brought instant restoration to him? Verses 25-27.

13. Since faith on the part of the disciples was necessary in working miracles, what was it that would intensify their faith and enable them to fully exert the power already imparted to them? Verses 28-29.

14. Do you agree that the disciples could not understand Jesus' plain prediction because they were unwilling to receive it in its obvious meaning and could not discover any other meaning? If so, do you think that is true of some scriptures thought obscure in our time? Verses 30-32.

15. Why was it that the disciples "held their peace" when Jesus asked His question? Verses 33-34.

16. How did Jesus answer the question of who would be the greatest? Verses 35-37.

17. What was the only way the man could have had power to cast out demons in the name of Jesus? Verses 38-39.

18. Is it possible to be strictly neutral in reference to Christ? Verse 40.

19. Do you agree with the idea that if the giver of water is a pardoned individual, he shall receive his reward in heaven but if not, he shall receive it on earth? Verse 41.

20. How do discussions such as “who shall be the greatest?” cause offense and why would having a millstone hanged about his neck and being cast into the sea be better than the fate of the offender? Verse 42.

21. If being cast into hell is the alternative of entering “this life,” to what does it refer? Verses 43-47.

22. What kind of condition in hell is pictured by Jesus as worms feeding on the dead carcasses of men while unquenchable fires are burning them but never consuming them? Verse 48.

23. If salt represents perpetuity and everyone (who refuses to cut off the offending hand or to pluck out the offending eye) shall be “salted with fire,” what can be the meaning? Verse 49.

24. If the figure (salt) now symbolizes the principle that leads to perseverance amid self-sacrifice, what is the meaning of “have salt in yourselves”? Verse 50.