

Session 12: Mark 8:31-9:8

THE FIRST PASSION AND RESURRECTION PREDICTION

1. Read Mark 8:31-9:1. In 8:29, Peter correctly identifies Jesus as “THE Christ”—that is God’s anointed KING. Now Jesus begins to teach a correct understanding of what this Kingship would truly be. What must the Christ—the Son of Man do? What is His kingly mission?
2. Read Isaiah 61:1-2 and note how these words help establish Jesus as the Servant of Yahweh. Skim Isaiah 52:12-53:12. What kind of a servant is the Servant of Yahweh?
3. Why did Jesus call Peter Satan?
4. This concept of a Suffering Messiah has implications also for the disciples of the Messiah. What did Jesus teach that all who would be followers must do? What does that mean?
5. For whose sake are the disciples to be willing to give their lives (8:35)?
6. While this kind of sacrifice doesn’t make sense according to the world’s standards, what are the ultimate consequences of doing it or seeking not to do it (8:35-37)?
7. Read 9:1 again. A better translation may be: “...until they see that the reign and rule of God is already come in power” (Voelz 615). What event do you think Jesus is pointing to that would show some of the disciples that the reign and rule of God has already come in power?

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED

8. Read Mark 9:2-8. Jesus is transfigured/changed and Peter, James, and John see the full glory of the reign and rule of God in Jesus. The event clearly tells us that the eschatological reign and rule of God is here **fully and completely BUT hiddenly**—human eyes cannot see its presence. When will we receive full sight as Jesus’ glory is revealed?

9. Who appeared on the mountain with Jesus? Why?

10. The cloud coming on the scene has great significance from the OT. Read Exodus 33:9-10 and 1 Kings 8:10-

11. What is the significance.

11. What does the voice from the cloud affirm?

The voice affirms that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**BUT THERE IS MORE>>>** This is direct affirmation of who Jesus truly is—the bringer of the very presence of \_\_\_\_\_ Himself—and therefore, an affirmation that in \_\_\_\_\_ and in His \_\_\_\_\_ the reign and rule of God has come with power.

12. The voice commands the disciples to “Listen to Him.” What might they be directed to listen to specifically? Consider Mark 8:31; 9:31; and 10:33.

13. Read Mark 16:1-8. Note the similarities between this short resurrection scene and the Transfiguration.

a) Both contain a \_\_\_\_\_ figure.

b) A voice tells something crucial about \_\_\_\_\_.

c) \_\_\_\_\_ prevents appropriate speaking.

d) \_\_\_\_\_ manifesting the presence of the reign and rule of God.

14. What can the Transfiguration be seen as?