

The Gospel According to Mark

How Will We Know?

Mark 9:2-13



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Introduction:

I. THE CONFIRMATION ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN (vs. 2-8)

A. The Venue (vs. 2a)

“Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John...”

“and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves.”

B. The Vision (vs. 2b-3)

“And He was transfigured before them”

“and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.”

C. The Visitors (vs. 4-6)

“Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.” (Luke 9:31)

“Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ”

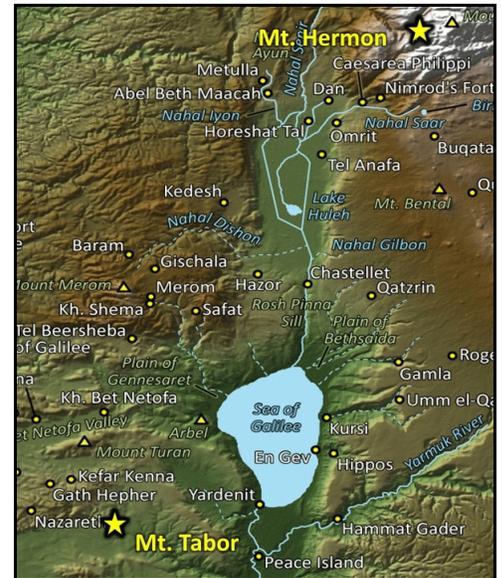
“For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.”

D. The Voice from Heaven (vs. 7-8)

“Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud...”

“ ‘This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!’ ” (Mark 1:11)

“All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.” (John 1:14; II Pet. 1:16-18)



II. THE CONVERSATION COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN (vs. 9-13)

A. The Command (vs. 9)

“As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen...”

“until the Son of Man rose from the dead.”

B. The Confusion (vs. 10-11)

“They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant.”
(Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2)

“They asked Him, saying, ‘Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?’ ”

C. The Clarification (vs. 12-13)

“And He said to them, ‘Elijah does first come and restore all things.’ ” (I Kings 19:2, 10)

“ ‘And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt?’ ”

“ ‘But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.’ ” (Matthew 17:11-13)

Conclusion: What just happened here?

- authentication of the Son as King
- anticipation of the kingdom which is still future
- illustration of the kingdom inhabitants
- illustration of personal resurrection
- confirmation of OT prophecy
- proclamation of Messiah’s suffering

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus chose Peter, James, and John to accompany Him for this occasion?
- 2) Why do you think it was Moses and Elijah who appeared with Jesus?
- 3) Why did Jesus command the disciples to not speak of His transfiguration until after the resurrection?
- 4) What (and when) will the coming of Elijah look like?