

Let's review: In chapter 8: Jesus feeds the 4,000, Pharisees desire a sign from Heaven (always something), Disciples did not take bread on boat ride. Do you not yet see or understand? Jesus heals a blind man, Jesus ask who am I, tells of his upcoming suffering and death, denying one self.

Mark 9:1 (NASB) And He was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Kingdom of God/Heaven – God Kingdom – the universe, everything.

Since he created everything, it is his Kingdom.

Kingdom of God is coming (Church) – (some of them). Started at Pentecost (power). Some saw it, not all.

V2-8 And six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and *brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and *said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and 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.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

We see Jesus inner circle again – These 3 will be the leaders of the Christian Church. Other bible teachers say they were the weakest apostles, and that's why Jesus took them along.

They saw the Glorified Christ, bodily changed, light from within.

Rev. 22:5 ...and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them...

Elijah and Moses – possibility that they are the two witnesses mentioned in Revelation 11:3, Luke 9:31 (at the transfiguration) were

speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

2nd Peter 1:16 but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

How Wonderful!

9 And 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 should rise from the dead.

10 And they seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead might mean.

Rise from the dead – didn't understand.

11 And they asked Him, saying, why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

12 And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

13 "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."

Signifying - John the Baptist.

V12 2nd part – interesting that this is inserted here.

Refutes their error concerning the Messiah's continuing forever on earth.

14 And when they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them.

15 And immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed, and began running up to greet Him.

16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?"

17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;

18 and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it."

19 And He *answered them and *said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? **Bring him to Me!**"

Always go to Jesus first, particularly with health issues.

When the inner circle is being blessed on top of the mountain, failure by the other at the bottom.

God answer for healing prayer: yes, no, maybe latter.

Bring him to Jesus: answer to most of our own and the world's problem.

20 And they brought the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling about and foaming at the mouth.

21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 "And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

23 And Jesus said to him, "'If You can!' **All things are possible to him who believes.**"

Why no healing – prayer, lack of faith.

He is a loving God but questioning his authority (faithless) is a mistake.

Why God is not moving in my or others life – I don't know. He will tell you if you seek it out.

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

Jesus is going to work with a health and lack of faith problem.

Where did the unbelief come from: Jesus disciples?

Why is Jesus dealing with the son's father? He is going to reveal himself to this many the miracle.

25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."

26 And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most [of them] said, "He is dead!"

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

I do believe – Man repents right away. A great example. Again, we see the compassion of Jesus dealing with this father and child.

30 And from there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know about it.

31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."

32 But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

Didn't understand again! Get Bad news – let's just be quiet and see if it passes. I do this sometimes, bad news, tell me latter.

33 And they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.

35 And sitting down, He called the twelve and *said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

36 And taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

37 "Whoever receives one child like this **in My name** receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."

Jesus just tells them again he is going to suffer and they talk about themselves.

Jesus explains that in servanthood is greatness.

Receives a child (most dependent), in my name

38 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to hinder him because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is for us.

These statements encourage acceptance of Christian ministries that are different than us. Their doctrine is acceptable, but they play guitars louder, they don't sing our songs, many differences in ministry.

41 "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 "And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.

Sad. Many a Christian young man or women went to college and came out a heathen. Many groups try to lead believers astray.

43 "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire,

44 where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

45 "And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into hell,

46 where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

47 "And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell,

48 where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

When Jesus mentions things in the bible 2 or 3 times, it's important.

Isaiah 66:24 ...Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm shall not die, and their fire shall not be quenched; And they shall be an abhorrence to all mankind.

"Mentioned 3 times here. More than once important, 3 times=very.

Three stumbles: Hand, feet eyes.

Get rid of, put aside things in your life that causes you to stumble, at least temporary. (Could not take my dad's advice). That is hard, but it might be family, friends, work, whatever. They won't answer for you in front of the judgement seat, you will.

49 "For everyone will be salted with fire.

Everyone goes thru trials?

50 "Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is a verse I don't fully comprehend, nor do the commentaries that I have read. We know that salt was used in the Bible times to preserve

food. Be at peace with one another, mentioned at other places in the scriptures.

Jesus talks about Hell, more than most in the scriptures. Hell is real and horrible.

Thank goodness that Jesus died that we do not have to suffer hell. Thanks goodness for his miracles in our life.

Summary Chapter 9: Mark an action Gospel

Power packed:

Some will see the Kingdom of God (Church) coming in Power.

Transfiguration of Jesus, Elijah comes first – John the Baptist.

Heals boy with evil spirit - O unbelieving generation. Prayer needed for miracles. Jesus again foretells upcoming punishment and death.

Disciples discuss which one is greater, Non-apostle ministries – don't hinder.

Not in my neighborhood. Punishment - Worm does not die.

Again, we see the compassion of Jesus, and we also see his authority and power.

I am so thankful that God has revealed all this to us in his Word. As we are faithful to read, study and obey the Word, Jesus and all that he did is revealed us. What a great Savior we have! AMEN!!