

Assignments on Mark 9

Please read Mark 9 and answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus promise regarding the kingdom in 9:1? What did this promise mean specifically regarding how soon the kingdom would begin?

2. **Special Assignment:** Jesus promised the kingdom would come with power. What more does Acts 1:3-8 tell us about the coming of the power and so the coming of the kingdom? Now study Acts chapter 2 and list as many ways as you can that show this promise was fulfilled. What can we learn about the beginning of the kingdom?

3. **Case Study:** Premillennialism teaches that the kingdom still has not begun but will begin when Jesus comes again. Based on what we have learned, how would you respond? See also: Colossians 1:13,14; Hebrews 12:23-29; Revelation 1:9; 1 Corinthians 15:22-28.

4. What happened when Jesus was transfigured – 9:2,3? Who witnessed this event?

5. Who appeared talking with Jesus – 9:4? List things you know about these men.

6. What did Peter propose – 9:5,6? What would be the significance of making a tabernacle for each of these three men?

7. How did God respond to Peter – 9:7? After that, whom did the disciples see – 9:8?

8. List **passages** showing the Old Testament law has been replaced by the gospel.

9. **Special Assignment:** What was the significance of taking away Moses and Elijah, leaving only Jesus, saying He was the son of God so listen to Him? Specifically, what would this mean about the Jesus' teaching compared to the Old Testament? Study Hebrews 1:1,2.

10. Where else has the Father testified personally that Jesus was His Son? For what purpose did Peter use this event in 2 Peter 1:16-18?

11. What instruction did Jesus give the apostles – 9:9,10? How did they react?

12. What question did the disciples ask Jesus – 9:11?

13. How did He respond – 9:12,13? How had the people treated this “Elijah,” and how did this compare to how the people would treat Jesus?

14. According to Matthew 17:13, about whom did the disciples realize that Jesus was speaking? Where else have we studied a comparison between this man and Elijah?

15. When Jesus returned from the mountain, what did He find His other disciples doing – 9:14,15? What question did He ask – 9:16?

16. What problem did a man present to Jesus – 9:17,18? How was this a problem for the disciples?

17. Describe how the demon affected the man’s son – 9:18,20-23.

18. How did Jesus first respond when He heard that the disciples could not cast out the demon – 9:19? How long had the son had this problem – 9:21?

19. What did Jesus teach the man about faith – 9:22,23? How did he respond – 9:24?

20. **Application:** What lessons can we learn from this story about faith?

21. Describe the healing of the son – 9: 25-27.

22. What did the disciples ask Jesus about the healing of the demon-possessed boy – 9:28? What response did Jesus give – 9:29?

23. What additional information did Jesus give the apostles in other accounts about this event? What can we learn about the casting out of demons?

24. What prediction did Jesus repeat to His disciples in 9:30,31? List specific things that He predicted.

25. **Application:** What can we learn from these predictions about Jesus' understanding of His purpose on earth and about His ability to predict the future?

26. How did the disciples react to Jesus' teaching – 9:32? Why might they have so reacted?

27. What question did Jesus ask the disciples in the house in Capernaum – 9:33? What was the correct answer to the question – 9:34?

28. Where else did Jesus discuss this and similar questions with the apostles?

29. How did Jesus explain who is truly first in the kingdom – 9:35? Explain.

30. Whom did Jesus use to illustrate the proper attitude in the kingdom – 9:36,37? According to Matthew 18:3,4, how do children illustrate the attitude we need to have?

31. What did Jesus then teach about receiving children – 9:37? List other passages showing that how we treat other disciples is how we treat Jesus.

32. What concern did John raise in 9:38? How had the disciples handled the situation?

33. What did Jesus say in response to John's concern in 9:39,40?

34. **Special Assignment:** Would Jesus have responded this way if the man had been teaching error? Consider Acts 19:13-17; Matt. 7:15-23; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:2-4; Gal. 1:6-9. (Think: Where might this man have obtained the power to do miracles? Notice Luke 10:1-17.)

35. **Case Study:** Many people claim this Scripture means "one church is as good as another." They say we should not criticize other religious groups. How would you respond?

36. Explain what Jesus taught about giving a disciple a cup of water – 9:41. What should we learn?

37. What danger does Jesus discuss in 9:42? What does He say is the consequence of the error He describes?

38. What does it mean to cause others to stumble as Jesus uses the expression here? List other passages about tempting others to sin.

39. **Application:** List ways it is possible to be guilty of causing other people to stumble.

40. To what extremes does Jesus say to go to avoid hell – 9:43-48? (Think: Does this mean to literally remove body parts? If one cut off a hand or foot would that remove all temptation? Does the Bible ever show anyone literally doing this? What does Jesus want us to learn?)

41. What do we learn about the nature of hell from Jesus' statements here?

42. What does Jesus teach about fire and salt in 9:49,50? (Think: This is generally considered a difficult teaching. Study the context and other passages, then explain it.)