

December 3, 2023

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 9:1-13



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



And Jesus was saying to them, "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

2 Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; 3 and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. 5 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." 6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. 7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" 8 All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

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. 10 They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant. 11 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 will 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."



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- What's something you've witnessed or watched that left you awestruck?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

01. Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain and was transfigured before them. He shone brightly and appeared with Elijah and Moses. Peter, at a loss for words, offered to build a tabernacle for each of them. The voice of God the Father issued a command to listen to his beloved son (v. 1-8).

- What do you think the disciples were thinking and feeling during these events?

- Why did Jesus choose to reveal this version of himself to his disciples at this moment? Consider the preceding events from Mark 8:31-38, and see also 2 Corinthians 4:17.

- What is the significance of the cloud appearing and speaking those words about Jesus on the mountain? See Exodus 19:9; 24:15-16; Mark 1:11.

02. They came down the mountain and Jesus instructed his disciples to keep this event a secret until after his resurrection. The disciples discussed what rising from the dead might mean, and asked Jesus to explain the prophecy about Elijah (v. 9-13).

- What stands out most to you in this passage?



GROW IN THE WORD

- What were the disciples expecting Elijah to do, and what did Jesus mean when he said that Elijah had already come? See Malachi 3:1-4; Matthew 17:10-11.

- In what ways have you seen Jesus appear in your life, and how does it encourage you to follow him despite hardships?

UPCOMING EVENTS

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Sundays | January 7 - May 5 | 9:15 am

Whether your marriage is good and you want it to be great, or you are at rock bottom and wonder if there is hope, re|engage is a safe place to grow in your marriage. Space is limited - learn more and register online or in our app today!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

November 26 - December 17

Wayside is excited to partner with organizations near and far to impact the world for the glory of Jesus! We have options for you to donate a toy for our toy drive and/or give a financial gift. Learn more about the three organizations we are supporting online!

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Discuss what you are most looking forward to during the last month of the year.
- Ask the second question in the Connect section of the passage guide and give each person a chance to respond.

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Discuss the first question of each section. Give people a chance to share their thoughts.
- Select two of the questions with cross-references to discuss. Read the cross-references together and discuss.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Discuss the last question of the passage guide. Encourage your group to apply the truth that stuck out most to them or any conviction they felt during individual study and/or group time.
- Close group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.