



## Bible Reading Group

# The gospel of Mark

## Chapter 9

### **The Transfiguration (9:1-13)**

- 1 Jesus said that some would not taste death before they saw the kingdom of God come with power. What did he mean?
- 2 This event took place “after six days”. Six days after what?
- 3 Do we know what mountain they went up?
- 4 Why do you think Jesus took only Peter, James and John with him?
- 5 Were these disciples set apart on any other occasions?
- 6 What does “transfigured” mean?
- 7 Is the whiteness of Jesus’ clothes significant?
- 8 Who was Elijah?
- 9 Who was Moses?
- 10 Why did Elijah and Moses appear?
- 11 What was the purpose of putting up three shelters?
- 12 What do you think frightened the disciples so much? Do you think you would have felt the same?
- 13 Whose voice came from the cloud?
- 14 Had these words been said before? When?
- 15 What happened to Moses and Elijah?
- 16 Why did Jesus order the disciples not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the resurrection?
- 17 Did the disciples obey?
- 18 What is the “rising from the dead”?

- 19 Why didn't the disciples know what Jesus was talking about?
- 20 The teachers of the law said that Elijah must come first. Before what? Where did they get that idea?
- 21 Where was it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?
- 22 Who is the "Elijah" who Jesus said had come? (Hint: see Matthew 17:10-13)
- 23 What was written about Elijah coming?

### **The healing of a boy with an evil spirit (9:14-29)**

- 24 Why were the teachers of the law arguing with the rest of the disciples?
- 25 Why were the people overwhelmed with wonder when they saw Jesus?
- 26 What disease does it sound like the sick boy had?
- 27 Why couldn't the disciples heal the boy?
- 28 Why did Jesus think they were unbelieving?
- 29 If everything is possible for him who believes, can we have anything we want?
- 30 How can we believe in Jesus?
- 31 Do we need help to overcome any unbelief?
- 32 When the disciples asked Jesus why they couldn't heal the boy he said that prayer was necessary. Does that mean that the disciples didn't pray about the healing?
- 33 What was different about this kind of healing?

### **Teaching the disciples about the future (9:30-32)**

- 34 How did Jesus stop anyone knowing where he and the disciples were?
- 35 Why didn't the disciples understand what Jesus was teaching them? Wasn't Jesus very plain?
- 36 What did they expect to happen to Jesus?
- 37 Why were the disciples afraid to ask Jesus what he meant?

**Who is the greatest? (9:33–37)**

- 38 Where is Capernaum?
- 39 How did Jesus know what the disciples were arguing about on the road?
- 40 How would you feel being with someone who knows your thoughts, and what you said when he wasn't even around?
- 41 How can we choose to be last and the servant of all?
- 42 Why did Jesus use a little child as his example?
- 43 How can we welcome Jesus and God in our lives?

**Whoever is not against us is for us (9:38–41)**

- 44 Why would somebody heal in Jesus' name when he was not one of the disciples?
- 45 Does Jesus always say "whoever is not against us is for us"?
- 46 What is the reward of those who give a cup of water to a disciple?
- 47 Is Jesus just talking of giving drinks?

**Causing to sin (9:42–50)**

- 48 How could we cause a little one who believes in Jesus to sin?
- 49 Should we literally cut off our hands or feet if they cause us to sin?
- 50 Can you think of any examples of things that may cause you to sin?
- 51 How could you "cut off" these things?
- 52 What is the "hell" that Jesus is talking about?
- 53 Verse 48 is an idea that comes from the Old Testament. Can you find where?
- 54 How can you be salted with fire? What did Jesus mean?
- 55 Can salt lose its saltiness?
- 56 How can we have salt in ourselves?
- 57 In what way do we find peace?