



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark **PART 31 - 9:9-13**

The Mountain and the Valley

READ: Mark 9:9–10 & Daniel 7:13–14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why does Jesus command the disciples to keep silent about the Transfiguration until after the resurrection? What does this teach us about God's timing in revelation?
- 2) How does Daniel's vision of "One like a Son of Man" help us understand Jesus' self-description and the meaning of His glory on the mountain?
- 3) In what ways have you experienced a "mountain moment" followed by a "valley calling"? What did you learn in the valley?
- 4) Pastor G said, "Glory without Golgotha would distort the mission entirely." What do you think this means for how we understand Jesus — and for how we follow Him?

Wrestling With Resurrection

READ: Mark 9:10 & John 11:21–27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why were the disciples confused by Jesus' statement about rising from the dead, even after witnessing miracles like the raising of Jairus' daughter?
- 2) Martha believes in a future resurrection on "the last day." How does Jesus shift her understanding in John 11 toward Himself as the resurrection?
- 3) What does it look like in your life when God gives you a promise or glimpse of something but asks you to walk for a while in mystery before revealing the meaning?
- 4) Pastor G said, "Revelation often still needs interpretation." What does that mean for how we study Scripture and follow Jesus?

Elijah, John the Baptist, and the Messianic Secret

READ: Mark 9:11–12 & Malachi 4:5–6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What did the scribes teach about Elijah's role, and how does Jesus correct and deepen their understanding in this passage?
- 2) According to Malachi, Elijah's work is to "restore hearts." How does John the Baptist fulfill this role?
- 3) Why is it significant that Jesus links Elijah's suffering (in John's ministry) with His own coming suffering?
- 4) Pastor G said, "The revelation of the Christ must be seen through the lens of the cross, not through the crowd's expectations." What do you think this means for disciples today?

Restoration Through Suffering

READ: Mark 9:12–13 & Isaiah 53:3–6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How does Jesus hold together both restoration ("Elijah comes and restores all things") and rejection ("the Son of Man must suffer and be treated as nothing") in one mission?
- 2) Why is the pattern of a suffering Messiah so central to both Isaiah 53 and Jesus' explanation in Mark 9?
- 3) How does understanding John the Baptist as "Elijah who was to come" change the way you read Jesus' path to the cross?
- 4) Pastor G said, "The road to resurrection always runs through rejection." How does that statement challenge or encourage you in your own walk with Jesus?