



## **“Do You Not Yet Understand?... Then Listen to Him!”** **Mark 8:27-9:13**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus and His disciples went into the villages of Caesarea Philippi and, on the way, He was asking His disciples, “Who do the people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>They replied to him, “John the Baptizer, others say Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He also asked them, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the anointed one [Christ].” <sup>30</sup>He warned them so that they would not speak to anyone about Him. <sup>31</sup>He began to teach them, “It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer greatly, to be rejected by the leaders, chief priests, and Bible scholars, to be killed, and then after three days rise.” <sup>32</sup>He was speaking quite frankly. But Peter took hold of Jesus, and started to correct Him. <sup>33</sup>But after turning around and seeing his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get away from me, adversary! For you are not thinking what God thinks, but what men think.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd as well as His disciples together and He said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me then he must say ‘no’ to himself, pick up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save his soul\* will destroy it. But whoever destroys his life\*, for me and the Gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world and to lose his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what might a person give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, then also the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of his father with the holy messengers.” <sup>1</sup>He was then saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not experience death until they see the reign of God having arrived with power!”

<sup>2</sup>After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was changed in front of them <sup>3</sup>and His garments were radiating bright white, such as no one upon the earth would be able to whiten them. <sup>4</sup>Moses and Elijah appeared before them and they were speaking to Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter responded by saying to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three tabernacles, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!” <sup>6</sup>For he did not know how to respond, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>A cloud enveloped them and a voice came from the cloud, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Looking around at once, they saw no one with them any longer, only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them that they tell no one what they saw until after the Son of Man was resurrected from the dead. <sup>10</sup>They kept the word to themselves, debating with one another what this “resurrection from among the dead” was. <sup>11</sup>So they asked Him, “Why do the Bible scholars say that Elijah must come first?” <sup>12</sup>He said to them, “First Elijah does come and puts everything in order again. And what is written about the Son of Man? That He must suffer greatly and be rejected. <sup>13</sup>Yes, I tell you, Elijah has come, and people treated him as they pleased, as it is written about him.”

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\* Greek: ψυχήν (psuchen) - translates as life or soul

**8:29** What is Peter saying by calling Jesus the “anointed one”?

**8:31** What did Jesus teach His disciples that it meant for Him to be the anointed one (Christ)?

**8:32** Why would Peter rebuke Jesus?

What has kept the word from being fruitful in Peter at this point?

**8:33** Why does Jesus rebuke Peter by calling him the adversary (Satan)?

**8:34** What does Jesus mean by “say ‘no’ to yourself”?

**8:34** What would the “cross” have meant to Jesus’ hearers?

What would the “cross” have meant to Mark’s readers?

What good is “picking up your cross”? What does that accomplish?

**8:35** What is Jesus claiming about rescuing and destroying one’s life/soul?

**8:38** Why would Jesus be concerned about His followers being ashamed of His words? (Which words is Jesus referring to?)

**8:38** What is the simple implication of this verse?

**9:1** What is the referent of Jesus’ words, “they see the reign of God having arrived with power”? When is that?

**9:2** What is significant about Jesus going up the mountain six days after He identified Himself as the anointed one (Messiah)? (Exodus 24:15-17)

**9:5** What is significant about Peter wanting to set up tabernacles?

**9:7** Why would the voice from heaven need to tell Jesus’ followers to “listen to Him”?

**9:10** Why would the disciples be debating what the resurrection from the dead was?

**9:11-13** Who was this Elijah that some thought would come to “put everything in order again”? How is he this Elijah?