

Mark 9:2 – 32

9:2 – transfigured	(verb)	changed in appearance to something beautiful
9:3 – dazzling	(adjective)	so bright that you are unable to look at it for very long; very beautiful
9:3 – bleach	(verb)	make something white in colour by adding a chemical to it
9:4 – Elijah	(proper noun)	one of the greatest prophets from the Old Testament
9:4 – Moses	(proper noun)	the man God used to lead Israel out of Egypt, and through whom he gave them his law for how they should live as his people
9:5 – Rabbi	(title)	‘Teacher’
9:7 – enveloped	(verb)	surrounded completely; covered completely
9:9 – orders	(noun)	instructions that must be obeyed
9:9 – Son of Man	(title)	a title Jesus uses to refer to himself
9:11 – teachers of the law	(noun)	also called scribes. Men who provided religious instruction to the Jewish people.
9:12 – suffer	(verb)	feel physical or emotional pain
9:12 – be rejected	(verb)	not be accepted (by people)
9:14 – disciples	(noun)	students, followers
9:14 – crowd	(noun)	a large group of people in the same place at the same time
9:15 – overwhelmed	(adjective)	overcome by strong feelings
9:15 – wonder	(noun)	a feeling of great surprise and pleasure
9:15 – greet	(verb)	meet someone with welcome
9:17 – possessed by	(adjective)	controlled by
9:17 – robbed	(verb)	stole; took something away from someone by force
9:18 – seizes	(verb)	takes hold of something firmly, quickly and forcefully
9:18 – foams	(verb)	has small bubbles appear
9:18 – gnashes	(verb)	grinds together in pain or in anger
9:18 – rigid	(adjective)	stiff; hard
9:18 – drive out	(phrasal verb)	make something disappear or stop operating
9:19 – generation	(noun)	a group of people all living at the same time
9:19 – put up with	(phrase)	tolerate something even though you find it unpleasant or unsatisfactory
9:20 – convulsion	(noun)	uncontrollable shaking movement of the body
9:22 – take pity on	(phrase)	feel sorry for someone and want to help them
9:24 – overcome	(verb)	successfully deal with and control something that is problematic
9:25 – rebuked	(verb)	spoke severely to someone who was doing something you did not approve of
9:25 – evil spirit	(noun)	a non-physical being that does not do obey God
9:25 – deaf	(adjective)	unable to hear

9:25 – mute	(adjective)	unable to speak
9:26 – shrieked	(verb)	made a short, loud cry
9:26 – convulsed	(verb)	shook with uncontrollable movements of the body
9:26 – corpse	(noun)	a dead body
9:28 – privately	(adverb)	away from other people
9:31 – betrayed	(verb)	have your friends give information about you to your enemy so that the enemy can harm you

Mark 9:2 – 10:45 (New International Reader's Version)

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him. He led them up a high mountain. They were all alone. There in front of them his appearance was changed. ³ His clothes became so white they shone. They were whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ Elijah and Moses appeared in front of Jesus and his disciples. The two of them were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters. One will be for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ Peter didn't really know what to say, because they were so afraid.

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. It said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to him!"

⁸ They looked around. Suddenly they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ They came down the mountain. On the way down, Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen. He told them to wait until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves. But they asked each other what "rising from the dead" meant.

¹¹ Then they asked Jesus, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah has to come first?"

¹² Jesus replied, "That's right. Elijah does come first. He makes all things new again. So why is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and not be accepted? ¹³ I tell you, Elijah has come. They have done to him everything they wanted to do. They did it just as it is written about him."

Jesus Heals a Boy Who Is Controlled by an Evil Spirit

¹⁴ When Jesus and those who were with him came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them. The teachers of the law were arguing with them. ¹⁵ When all the people saw Jesus, they were filled with wonder. And they ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" Jesus asked.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered. "Teacher," he said, "I brought you my son. He is controlled by an evil spirit. Because of this, my son can't speak anymore. ¹⁸ When the spirit takes hold of him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth. He grinds his teeth. And his body becomes stiff. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit. But they couldn't do it."

¹⁹ "You unbelieving people!" Jesus replied. "How long do I have to stay with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ So they brought him. As soon as the spirit saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a fit. He fell to the ground. He rolled around and foamed at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"Since he was a child," he answered. ²² "The spirit has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us. Please help us."

²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for the one who believes."

²⁴ Right away the boy's father cried out, "I do believe! Help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ Jesus saw that a crowd was running over to see what was happening. Then he ordered the evil spirit to leave the boy. "You spirit that makes him unable to hear and speak!" he said. "I command you, come out of him. Never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit screamed. It shook the boy wildly. Then it came out of him. The boy looked so lifeless that many people said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand. He lifted the boy to his feet, and the boy stood up.

²⁸ Jesus went indoors. Then his disciples asked him in private, "Why couldn't we drive out the evil spirit?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Jesus Speaks a Second Time About His Coming Death

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were. ³¹ That was because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be handed over to men. They will kill him. After three days he will rise from the dead." ³² But they didn't understand what he meant. And they were afraid to ask him about it.

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