



A millstone, referring to Mark 9:42.



Transfiguration by [Lodovico Carracci](#), 1594, depicting [Elijah](#), [Jesus](#), and [Moses](#) with the three apostles.



The remains of the early Roman synagogue from the times of Jesus, which was built with the local (black) basalt rock. This earlier synagogue was the center of activities of Jesus, where he taught (Mark: "And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.")

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus' Manhood, Motion, and Mission

Day 1 – Summarize chapter 9

Welcome

Welcome the Holy Spirit into your time of study with prayer; write it here:

Read the Chapter

Read all of chapter 9 in one sitting. Try to summarize each event briefly; I stick with 10 words or less to help me keep to the main point. Write your text divisions on the left and your summaries in a sentence to the right.

Day 2 – The Transfiguration: Awakened to Glory

“The Kingdom of God come with power” (verse 1)

Between chapter 9 and the end of Mark’s gospel, we see “the Kingdom of God come with power” in several ways, but notably here in this story. Read verses 1-13. Describe this event as if you had been one of the Three disciples. Pay close attention: what would it have been like to hear God’s voice? To see the glory? Describe it.

(Who was the “Elijah” who came? _____)

Day 3 – Down the Hill: Awakened to Reality

Heights to Hell; Mountaintop to Mess

Contrast in our own words what Jesus saw when He came down the mountain to what He experienced on the top of the mountain.

Does this give you insight into why Jesus was so disciplined, so called to pull away from the crowds to commune with His Father? Write your insights here:

What do you think Jesus means in verse 19?

Describe this demon’s activities.

In verse 19, Jesus laments, “O unbelieving generation!” In *The Message*, Peterson translates it as, “What a generation! No sense of God!” How do you connect this to verse 23?

Day 4 – No If’s: Awakened to Christ’s Power

The best prayer in the Bible

Savor verses 23 and 24. Consider these two powerful verses in light of your life. Think through your circumstances, your job, your family, your relationships, your aspirations, your troubles, and apply

these two verses. In what areas of your life do you need to pray this desperate gentleman's prayer? Take time to pray now. Journal below if it will help you clarify your thoughts.

What have you brought to God in prayer that hasn't gone your way? What do you do with that, given verses 23 and 24?

Days 5, 6 – The Greatest: Awakened to Humility

Who is the Greatest?

Jesus again teaches His cadre about His death. Surely, if someone dies on a cross, they are not considered to be a "great" person. All of this must have been confusing. Why do you think the disciples were reticent to ask Him to clarify this teaching?

So on one hand, you have the greatest Man of all time going to death on a cross; on the other hand, His disciples are arguing about which one of themselves is the greatest. How do you think Jesus helped clarify greatness with the child?

Relate verses 38-41 to greatness.

Protective love for the little ones

Jesus continues teaching about greatness with a child as His example, then gets super protective about "little ones." He focuses on sin, its cost, His perspective on hell. Do you think He's being literal? What is His point?

So how are we supposed to behave? (See verse 50.)

What did you learn about hell in this passage?

Friend, be encouraged: we are praying for you and over you. "Everything is possible for him who believes."