

## If We Understand His Glory

Mark 9:1-9

- I. Prelude to Christ's Glory: Jesus promises the disciples that some of them will live to see a preview of His glory (Mark 9:1).
- II. Jesus' Glorious Transfiguration: Jesus briefly reveals His true heavenly glory to three of the disciples (Mark 9:2-8)
  - A. Amazed by His glory: Peter, James and John see Jesus' glory while Elijah and Moses talk with Jesus (Mark 9:2-4).
    - These 3 men were transformed by Christ's glory (John 1:14; 2 Peter 1:16) and were willing to suffer for Him (Acts 12:2; John 1:18-19; Revelation 1:9).
    - As we comprehend Christ's glory, we will understand the value of "losing our life" [giving it] for Christ and the gospel (Mark 8:35).
  - B. Trying to Hang on to Heaven: Peter suggests that the moment should be preserved by building 3 tabernacles like Jews did at the Feast of Tabernacles (Mark 9:5-6).
    - We cannot demand or expect a constant personal experience of spiritual glory here on earth.
  - C. Obeying the Worthy Savior: God the Father speaks audibly declaring the uniqueness of Jesus His Son – and then the transfiguration ends (Mark 9:7, 8).
    - Jesus Christ is God's eternal, beloved Son and we must listen and obey all that He said.
- III. Postlude to Christ's Glory: Jesus tells the disciples to be quiet about the Transfiguration until after He is resurrected (Mark 9:9).