

Unfixable without the Cross

Mark 9:9-13; 30-32

- I. Avoiding the Cost of the Cross – Disciples: Why can't a prophet like Elijah "restore" us without Jesus dying (Mark 9:10-11)?
 - A. Don't discuss the Transfiguration yet – People will want the *glory* of Jesus without his *redemption* (9:9).
 - Jesus predicted his death and resurrection (8:31; 9:30-32).
 - B. Discussing Resurrection – The disciples worry that Jesus' talk of resurrection implies death (9:10)
 - C. Doubting Jesus' plan – The disciples wonder why Jesus must die and rise if Elijah is coming back to restore righteousness (9:11; Malachi 4:5-6)

- II. Accepting the Centrality of the Cross – Jesus: There is no spiritual restoration without my death and resurrection (Mark 9:12-13; 30-32).
 - A. Restoration is coming: Righteousness will come someday to this world (9:12a).
 - The disciples were *right* that a future "Elijah" would restore righteousness before Christ comes to judge.
 - B. The suffering of Jesus was always God's plan (Mark 9:13; Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 1:11).
 - The disciples were *wrong* that "Elijah" could restore righteousness now.
 - John the Baptist who fulfilled the Elijah prophecy was killed, as Christ would be (Luke 1:17; Matthew 17:12-13).

Main Point: All of our problems and the problems of the world only have real solutions through Christ's death and resurrection.