

Mark 9:9-13

The Disciples Misunderstand Elijah's Role

The Disciples' Faulty Eschatology

Mark 9:9-10 As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders **not to relate to anyone** what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead. They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant.

John 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

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The Disciples Expectations

Mark 9:11 They asked Him, saying, "Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

1. Elijah comes
2. Messiah comes with resurrection + kingdom

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Jesus Challenges Their Assumptions

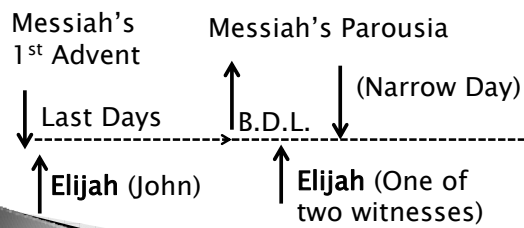
Mark 9:12 And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

1. "on the one hand...on the other..."
2. Yes Malachi 4:6 will be fulfilled, but so will Isaiah 53:3!

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Elijah To Restore All Things?

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet **before** the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.



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Malachi 4:6 He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

Malachi 2:10 Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?

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Summary Of Elijah's Coming

1. Elijah's first coming: Beginning of restoration
Luke 2:34b "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed..."
2. Elijah's second coming: Consummation of restoration
Romans 11:26 and so all Israel will be saved: just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

John The Baptist As Elijah

Mark 9:13 But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.

Elijah = abused by wicked woman + weak king
John = abused by wicked woman + weak king

Application

1. We must learn from the disciples' mistake: Jesus must first atone for our sins if we are to have a share in His glory.
2. Elijah's "restoration of all things" reminds us that God is not done with the nation of Israel.
3. Elijah's ministry reminds us that suffering is God's refinement of His people.

1. Jesus Must First Be Our Lamb

John 13:8 Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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2. God Isn't Done With Israel

Mark 9:12a And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things...(Acts 1:6; 3:21)

Zechariah 12:10 I will pour out on the house of David and on **the inhabitants of Jerusalem**, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

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3. Suffering Is For Our Refinement

1 Peter 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, **if necessary**, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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3. Suffering Is For Our Refinement

Malachi 3:1, 3a Behold, I am going to send **My messenger**, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts...He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver

3. Suffering Is For Our Refinement

1 Peter 4:12-13, 17a Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation...For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God...
