

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

Message Four

The Kingdom as the Subduing of Rebellion and as the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus

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Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41; 9:1-13; Matt. 13:43a

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- Mark 9:1 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.
- Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,
- Mark 9:3 And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.
- Mark 9:4 And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.
- Mark 9:5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
- Mark 9:6 For he did not know what to answer, for they had become extremely frightened.
- Mark 9:7 And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!
- Mark 9:8 And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone, but Jesus only with them.
- Mark 9:9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them not to relate to anyone the things which they had seen, except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead.
- Mark 9:10 And they kept the word, discussing among themselves what rising from the dead was.
- Mark 9:11 And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?
- Mark 9:12 And He said to them, Elijah does indeed come first and restore all things. And how is it that it is written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be counted as nothing?
- Mark 9:13 But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him the things that they wished, even as it is written of him.
- Matt 13:43a Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ...

I. The kingdom of God is the power to subdue rebellion—Mark 4:35-41:

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A. There are two great principles in the universe—God’s authority and Satan’s rebellion; the unique controversy between God and Satan concerns authority and rebellion—Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13:

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

1. Rebellion is the denial of God’s authority and the rejection of God’s rule:

a. Satan was originally an archangel created by God, but due to his pride he uplifted himself, violated God’s sovereignty, rebelled against God, became God’s adversary, and established his own kingdom—Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:2-19; Matt. 12:26.

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate!

Isa 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

Ezek 28:2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god—I sit in the seat of God in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man and not a god, although you set your heart as if it were the heart of God.

Ezek 28:3 Indeed you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret hidden from you;

Ezek 28:4 By your wisdom and by your understanding you have made your wealth and accumulated gold and silver in your treasuries.

Ezek 28:5 By your great wisdom and by your trading you have increased your wealth, but your heart has become lifted up because of your wealth.

Ezek 28:6 Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, Because you have set your heart as if it were the heart of God,

Ezek 28:7 Therefore I am about to bring strangers upon you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will defile your splendor.

Ezek 28:8 To the pit they will bring you down, and in the heart of the seas you will die the death of those who are slain.

Ezek 28:9 Will you indeed say in the presence of the one who slays you, I am God? But you are a man and not a god in the hand of the one who wounds you.

Ezek 28:10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers, for I have spoken, declares the Lord Jehovah.

Ezek 28:11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

Ezek 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, O you who sealed up perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty,

Ezek 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, diamond, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald, with gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and your pipes was prepared with you on the day that you were created.

Ezek 28:14 You were the anointed cherub who covered the Ark; indeed I set you, so that you were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezek 28:15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

Ezek 28:16 By the abundance of your trading they filled your midst with violence, and you sinned. So I cast you out as profane from the mountain of God, and I

- destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- Ezek 28:17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness. I cast you to the ground; I presented you before kings that they may look at you.
- Ezek 28:18 By the multitude of your iniquities in the unrighteousness of your trading you have profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I sent forth fire from your midst; it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who look at you.
- Ezek 28:19 All who know you among the peoples are astonished at you. You have become a source of terror, and you will be no more forever.
- Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

b. When man sinned, he rebelled against God, denied God's authority, and rejected God's rule; at Babel men rebelled collectively against God to abolish God's authority from the earth—Gen. 3:1-6; 11:1-9.

- Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other animal of the field that Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Did God really say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?
- Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
- Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.
- Gen 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die!
- Gen 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.
- Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.
- Gen 11:1 And the whole earth had one language and the same speech.
- Gen 11:2 And as they journeyed east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- Gen 11:3 And they said to one another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had tar for mortar.
- Gen 11:4 And they said, Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top is in the heavens; and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the surface of the whole earth.
- Gen 11:5 And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built.
- Gen 11:6 And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they all have one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and now nothing which they purpose to do will be kept from them.
- Gen 11:7 Come, let Us go down and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- Gen 11:8 So Jehovah scattered them from there over the surface of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.
- Gen 11:9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there Jehovah confounded the language of all the earth, and from there Jehovah scattered them over the surface of all the earth.

2. Although Satan rebelled against God's authority and although man violates His authority by rebelling against Him, God will not let this rebellion continue; He will establish His kingdom on the earth—Rev. 11:15.

- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

B. The Lord Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose—Mark 1:14-15:

Mark 1:14 And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,
Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.

1. The kingdom of God is a divine realm where God can exercise His authority to workout His plan—Matt. 6:10, 33; Luke 12:32; Col. 1:13.

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

Matt 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father has been well pleased to give you the kingdom.

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2. As God incarnated, the Lord Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God—to establish a realm in which God can carry out His purpose through the exercise of His authority—John 1:1, 14; 3:3, 5; 18:36:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My attendants would be struggling so that I would not be delivered to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.

a. To establish the kingdom of God, the Lord Jesus stood as a victorious man, defeating Satan and withstanding all hardship, opposition, and attack—Mark 1:13; Matt. 4:1-11.

Mark 1:13 And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild animals, and the angels ministered to Him.

Matt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil.

Matt 4:2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He became hungry.

Matt 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, If You are the Son of God, speak that these stones may become loaves of bread.

Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

Matt 4:5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and set Him on the wing of the temple,

Matt 4:6 And said to Him, If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down; for it is written, "To His angels He shall give charge concerning You, and on their hands they shall bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone."

Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, Again, it is written, "You shall not test the Lord your God."

Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Matt 4:9 And he said to Him, All these will I give You if You will fall down and worship me.

Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, Go away, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

Matt 4:11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

b. The Lord Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom so that rebellious sinners might repent and be saved, qualified, and equipped to enter into the kingdom of God—Mark 1:14-15; Matt. 4:17.

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- gospel of God,
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 Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.
- c. The Lord bound Satan, the strong man, and entered into his house to plunder his goods so that sinners might be brought into the house of God through regeneration for the kingdom of God—Mark 3:27; Eph. 2:19.
 Mark 3:27 But no one can enter into the house of the strong man and thoroughly plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will thoroughly plunder his house.
 Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- d. As the Lord cast out demons by the Spirit of God, He was destroying Satan’s kingdom and bringing in the kingdom of God—Matt. 12:28.
 Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- C. The record in Mark 4:35-41 is a picture of rebellion and of the kingdom of God as the power to subdue rebellion:
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- a. The demons belong to Satan’s kingdom and possess people for his kingdom—Mark 1:23-27; 5:2-20; 7:25-30; 9:17-27; 16:9.
 Mark 1:23 And immediately, there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, saying,
 Mark 1:24 What have we to do with You, Jesus, Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God.
 Mark 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and come out of him!
 Mark 1:26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and shouting with a loud voice, came out of him.
 Mark 1:27 And they were all amazed, so that they discussed among themselves, saying, What is this? A new teaching! With authority He orders even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.
 Mark 5:2 And when He came out of the boat, immediately, from out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit met Him,
 Mark 5:3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one could bind him any longer, not even with a chain,
 Mark 5:4 Because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles smashed, and no one

was strong enough to subdue him.
 Mark 5:5 And continually night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he cried out and gashed himself with stones.
 Mark 5:6 And when he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and worshipped Him,
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 Mark 5:10 And he entreated Him much not to send them out of the region.
 Mark 5:11 Now there on the mountainside was a great herd of hogs feeding.
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 Mark 5:13 And He gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered into the hogs, and the herd, about two thousand, rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea.
 Mark 5:14 And those who were feeding them fled and reported it in the city and in the countryside. And they came to see what had happened.
 Mark 5:15 And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man sitting down, clothed, and sane, the man who had had the legion, and they became frightened.
 Mark 5:16 And those who had seen it related to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man and concerning the hogs.
 Mark 5:17 And they began to entreat Him to depart from their borders.
 Mark 5:18 And as He got into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might stay with Him.
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 Mark 5:20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him, and all marveled.
 Mark 7:25 But a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and immediately she came and fell at His feet.
 Mark 7:26 Now the woman was a Greek, Syrophenician by race. And she asked Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
 Mark 7:27 And He said to her, First let the children be satisfied, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.
 Mark 7:28 And she answered and said to Him, Yes, Lord, but even the little dogs under the table eat of the little children's crumbs.
 Mark 7:29 And He said to her, Because of this word, go. The demon has gone out of your daughter.
 Mark 7:30 And she went away to her house and found the little child lying on the couch and the demon gone out.
 Mark 9:17 And one from the crowd answered Him, Teacher, I brought to You my son, who has a dumb spirit;
 Mark 9:18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth; and he is wasting away. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.
 Mark 9:19 And He answered them and said, O unbelieving generation! How long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.
 Mark 9:20 And they brought him to Him. And when it saw Him, the spirit immediately convulsed him greatly, and falling on the earth, he rolled about, foaming at the mouth.
 Mark 9:21 And He questioned his father, How long has this been happening to him? And he said, From childhood.
 Mark 9:22 And it has often thrown him both into fire and into water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.
 Mark 9:23 And Jesus said to him, You say, If You can. All things are possible to him

- who believes.
- Mark 9:24 Immediately, crying out, the father of the child said, I believe; help my unbelief!
- Mark 9:25 And Jesus, seeing that a crowd was running together toward them, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, Dumb and deaf spirit, I order you, come out of him and enter into him no more.
- Mark 9:26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out. And he became as though he were dead so that many said that he died.
- Mark 9:27 But Jesus took hold of his hand and raised him, and he stood up.
- Mark 16:9 Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.
- b. Satan is the ruler of the world and of the authority of the air; he has his angels, who are his subordinates as rulers, authorities, and world-rulers of the darkness of this world—John 12:31; Eph. 2:2; 6:12.
- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
- Eph 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
2. Between the word concerning the kingdom of God in Mark 4:26-29 and the record of the demonstration of the kingdom of God in 5:1-20, there is the incident of the stormy sea in 4:35-41:
- Mark 4:26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,
- Mark 4:27 And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens-how, he does not know.
- Mark 4:28 The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear.
- Mark 4:29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.
- Mark 5:1 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gerasenes.
- Mark 5:2 And when He came out of the boat, immediately, from out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit met Him,
- Mark 5:3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one could bind him any longer, not even with a chain,
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- Mark 5:5 And continually night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he cried out and gashed himself with stones.
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- a. The fallen angels in the air and the demons in the water collaborated to frustrate the Lord Jesus from going to the other side of the sea because they knew that He would cast out the demons there—5:1-20.
- Mark 5:1 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the region of the Gerasenes.
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- b. The Lord rebuked the wind and commanded the sea to be silent because of the rebellious angels and demons who were behind the scene.
- c. After He rebuked the wind and spoke to the sea, the wind ceased, and there was a great calm, for the rebellion of the evil angels and the demons had been subdued by the power of the kingdom—4:39.

Mark 4:39 And having awoken, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Be silent! Be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

II. The kingdom of God is the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus—9:1-13:

Mark 9:1 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.
 Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,
 Mark 9:3 And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.
 Mark 9:4 And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.
 Mark 9:5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
 Mark 9:6 For he did not know what to answer, for they had become extremely frightened.
 Mark 9:7 And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!
 Mark 9:8 And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone, but Jesus only with them.
 Mark 9:9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them not to relate to anyone the things which they had seen, except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead.
 Mark 9:10 And they kept the word, discussing among themselves what rising from the dead was.
 Mark 9:11 And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?
 Mark 9:12 And He said to them, Elijah does indeed come first and restore all things. And how is it that it is written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be counted as nothing?
 Mark 9:13 But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him the things that they wished, even as it is written of him.

- A. What is described in Mark 9:1-13 is a picture of the kingdom of God coming in power; the center of this picture is the glorified Jesus, and with Him are Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament saints, and Peter, James, and John, representing the New Testament saints—vv. 2-4.

Mark 9:1~13 be omitted.

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,
 Mark 9:3 And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.

Mark 9:4 And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.

- B. For the Lord Jesus to be transfigured meant that His humanity was saturated and permeated with His divinity; this transfiguration, which was His glorification, was equal to His coming in His kingdom—v. 2:

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,

- 1. The Lord's word in verse 1 about the coming of the kingdom of God in power was

fulfilled by His transfiguration on the mountain—vv. 2-3.

Mark 9:1 And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,

Mark 9:3 And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.

2. The transfiguration, the shining, of the Lord Jesus was His coming in His kingdom; where His transfiguration is, there is the coming of the kingdom—Matt. 16:28—17:13; Luke 9:27-36.

Matt 16:28 Truly I say to you, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

Matt 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain privately.

Matt 17:2 And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as the light.

Matt 17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him.

Matt 17:4 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You are willing, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.

Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

Matt 17:6 And when the disciples heard this, they fell on their face and were greatly frightened.

Matt 17:7 And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, Arise, and do not be afraid.

Matt 17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

Matt 17:9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.

Matt 17:10 And the disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?

Matt 17:11 And He answered and said, Elijah indeed is coming and will restore all things;

Matt 17:12 But I say to you that Elijah has already come; and they did not recognize him, but did with him the things they wished. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer by them.

Matt 17:13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them concerning John the Baptist.

Luke 9:27 But I say to you truly, There are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:28 And about eight days after these words, He took with Him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray.

Luke 9:29 And as He prayed, the appearance of His face became different, and His garment dazzling white.

Luke 9:30 And behold, two men were conversing with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

Luke 9:31 Who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to complete in Jerusalem.

Luke 9:32 Now Peter and those with him had been overcome with sleep, but when they had fully woken up, they saw His glory and the two men who were standing with Him.

Luke 9:33 And as they were departing from Him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah—not knowing what he was saying.

Luke 9:34 And while he said these things, a cloud appeared and overshadowed them; and they became frightened as they entered into the cloud.

Luke 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Chosen One. Hear Him!

- Luke 9:36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and reported to no one in those days anything of what they had seen.
3. The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was the realization of what He is.
 4. The kingdom is the shining of the reality of the Lord Jesus; to be under His shining is to be in the kingdom—Rev. 22:4-5.
 - Rev 22:4 And they will see His face, and His name will be on their forehead.
 - Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.
- C. Christ has been sown into our hearts as a seed; this seed will grow and develop until it blossoms and is manifested in glory—Mark 4:26-29; Col. 3:3-4:
- Mark 4:26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,
 - Mark 4:27 And sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens-how, he does not know.
 - Mark 4:28 The earth bears fruit by itself: first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear.
 - Mark 4:29 But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come.
 - Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
 - Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
1. In Mark 9 we see the transfiguration of Christ as the seed sown in Mark 4.
 - Mark 9 be omitted.
 - Mark 4 be omitted.
 2. The One whom we have received as the seed of the kingdom of God needs to grow in us until He blossoms from within us; this blossoming will be the transfiguration of the Lord in us in a practical, experiential way—Col. 1:27.
 - Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
 3. When Christ is transfigured within us, that transfiguration becomes the kingdom of God ruling over everything in our life—v. 13.
 - Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
 4. The church as the kingdom of God cannot exist in the natural life but can exist only in this realm of transfiguration—Rom. 14:17.
 - Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
 5. If we are willing to lose our soul-life for the Lord's sake, we will experience a prevailing transfiguration in the church life; this transfiguration will be a genuine revival—Mark 8:35-38; Matt. 16:25-27.
 - Mark 8:35 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it.
 - Mark 8:36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul-life?
 - Mark 8:37 For what could a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
 - Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.
 - Matt 16:25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.
 - Matt 16:26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?
 - Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

III. “Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”—13:43a:

- A. At the time of the manifestation of the kingdom, our humanity will be glorified by the

glorious divinity within us—Col. 1:27.

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

- B. In one sense, the Lord will come back from heaven, but in another sense, He will come out of us; when He fully lives Himself out of us, that will be the time of His coming—Matt. 16:27; 2 Thes. 1:10; Col. 1:27; 3:4.

Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

2 Thes 1:10 When He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all those who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed) in that day.

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

- C. At the time of the full manifestation of the kingdom, we willfully enter into glory—Rom. 8:18, 21; Heb. 2:10; Phil. 3:21.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.

Rom 8:21 In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Phil 3:21 Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

- D. In the millennium the overcoming believers will be with Christ in the bright glory of the kingdom, whereas the defeated Christians will suffer discipline in the outer darkness—Matt. 13:43a; 8:12.

Matt 13:43a Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ...

Matt 8:12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.