Sermon: “A View from the Mountains”

Text: Mark 9:1-13 NASB

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1 And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are
some of those who are standing here who will not taste
death until they see the kingdom of God when it has come
with power.”

2 And six days later Jesus *took with Him Peter, [b]James, and
John, and *brought them up on a high mountain by
themselves. And He was [b]transfigured before them; **3** and His
garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no
launderer on earth can whiten them. **4** And Elijah appeared to
them along with Moses; and they were talking with
Jesus. **5** Peter responded and *said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good
that we are here; let’s make three [c]tabernacles, one for You,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **6** For he did not know
how to reply; for they became terrified. **7** Then a
cloud [d]formed, overshadowing them, and a voice [e]came out
of the cloud: “This is My beloved Son; [f]listen to Him!” **8** And
suddenly they looked around and saw no one with them
anymore, except Jesus alone.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave
them orders not to relate to anyone what they had
seen, [g]until the Son of Man rose from the
dead. **10** They [h]seized upon [i]that statement, discussing with
one another [j]what rising from the dead meant. **11** And they
asked Him, saying, “*Why is it* that the scribes say that Elijah
must come first?” **12** And He said to them, “Elijah does come
first and he restores all things. And *yet* how is it written
of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be
treated with contempt? **13** But I say to you that Elijah
has [k]indeed come, and they did to him whatever they
wanted, just as it is written of him.”

Footnotes

a. Mark 9:2 Or *Jacob*
b. Mark 9:2 I.e., visibly changed
c. Mark 9:5 Or *sacred tents*
d. Mark 9:7 Lit *occurred*
e. Mark 9:7 Lit *occurred*
f. Mark 9:7 Or *give constant heed*
g. Mark 9:9 Lit *except when*
h. Mark 9:10 Or *kept to themselves*
i. Mark 9:10 Lit *the word*
j. Mark 9:10 Lit *what was the rising from the dead*
k. Mark 9:13 Lit *even*