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(21) And He said to them, **How is it that you do not understand?**

(22) And He came to Bethsaida {house of hunter};^d and they brought a blind man to Him, and asked Him to touch him.

(23) And He took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when He had spit on his eyes, and put His hands upon him, He asked him if he saw anything.

(24) And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

(25) After that He put *His* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

(26) And He sent him away to his house, saying, **Do not go into the town, nor tell it to anyone in the town.**

(27) And Jesus and His disciples, went out, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and beside the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, **Whom do men say that I am?**^e

(28) And they answered, John the Baptist: but some *say*, Elijah; and others, One of the prophets.

(29) And He asked them, **But Whom do you say that I am?** And Peter answered and said to Him, You are the Christ.

(30) And He charged them that they should tell no man about Him.

(31) And He began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and *by* the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.^f

(32) And He spoke that saying openly. And Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him.

(33) But when He had turned about and looked on His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, **Get behind me, Satan: because you do not desire the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.**^g

(34) And when He had called the people *to Himself* with His disciples also, He said to them, **Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**

(35) **Because whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.**

(36) **Because what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**

(37) **Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

(38) **Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.**

8:22d – Bethsaida – house of hunter – Mat. 11:21; Mk. 6:45

8:27e – Mat. 16:13f; Luke 9:18

8:31f – Mat. 16:21

8:33g – Mat. 16:23

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Chapter 9

(1) And He said to them, **Truly I say to you, That there are some of those who stand here, who shall not taste of death, until they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.**^a

(2) And after six days Jesus took *with Him* Peter, and James, and John, and lead them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and His appearance was changed before them.^b

(3) And His clothing became shining, exceedingly white as snow; so no fuller {professional launderer} on earth can make them whiter.

(4) And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

(5) And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

(6) Because he did not know what to say; because they were greatly afraid.

(7) And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **This is My beloved Son: listen to Him.**

(8) And suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no man any more, except Jesus alone with themselves.

(9) And as they came down from the mountain, He charged them that they should tell no man the things they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

(10) And they kept that saying within themselves, questioning with one another what the rising from the dead should mean.

(11) And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?^c

(12) And He answered and told them, **Elijah truly does come first, and restores all things; and how it is written of the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things, and be set at nothing.**

(13) **But I say to you, That Elijah has indeed come, and they have done to him whatever they wanted, as it is written of him.**

(14) And when He came to *His* disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and the scribes questioning them.

(15) And immediately all the people, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed, and running to *Him* greeted Him.

(16) And He asked the scribes, **What are you questioning them about?**

(17) And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought to You my son, who has a dumb spirit {and cannot speak};

9:1a – taste of death – Mat. 16:28 - Pentecost

9:2b – transfiguration- Mat. 17:2; Luke 9:29f

9:11c – Mal. 4:5; Mat. 11:14; Mat. 17:10, Mk. 1:6; Lk. 1:17