

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: The Kingdom of God in Gospel Mark (John Bright, Union Theological Seminary, Virginia)

Messiah has fulfilled the hope of the ancient Israelites (Mark 1:2-3), which is the Kingdom of God, and thus the fulfillment has become real in the present time (Mark 1:15).

a. Ancient Israel's Hope for the Kingdom of God in the Old Testament

God's Sovereignty: Isaiah 40:10, Dan. 2:37 and 44, 4:34, 7:14

Theophany: Exodus 19:16, Deuteronomy 33:2-3, Judges 5:4-5, Isaiah 40:9, and Habakkuk 3:3-16

b. Fulfillment of Hope in Mark

God's Sovereignty: Mark 1:1, 13-15, 3:13-19, 4:35-41, 6:6-13, 30-44, 8:1-10

Theophany: Mark 1:9-11, 6:45-52, 9:2-8, and 15:37-39

Some scholars argue that the hope is not yet fulfilled but still futuristic (Mark 9:1, and 14:62).

3. Let us read Ch. 9

4. Discussion

- a. What is the implication of the Kingdom of God in verses 1 to 9?
- b. How shall we understand the transfiguration of Jesus in light of the Kingdom of God?
- c. How shall we understand "Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus" in verse 4?
Or do you find anything in common among Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?
- d. Why do you think Jesus told them not to talk about transfiguration until resurrection?
- e. In the story of a boy with a spirit, can you compare Jesus with disciples and Jesus with the boy's father?
- f. How do you understand the father's crying out to Jesus in verse 24?
- g. Do you see conflicts among the disciples? If yes, what caused the conflicts?
- h. Who would be the exorcist in verses 38-41? Or how do you understand verse 40?

5. Closing Prayer