



## ***“Down from the Mountain”***

Mark 9:9-13 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** –*Following Jesus’ transfiguration, the disciples leave their “mountaintop” experience and return to the reality on the ground.*

### ***I. Remember the Mountaintop Experiences.***

- A. God sometimes gives us a special blessing that we can sense His presence and work in our midst.
- B. The problem is that those experiences are episodes that don’t last.
- C. Why does God give us those special experiences?
  - 1. To give us a foretaste of glory.
  - 2. To help us when we come down from the “mountain.”

### ***II. The Reality on the Ground.***

- A. The disciples are plunged back into crowds, chaos and evil.
- B. When Jesus starts to allude to His death again, Peter continues to push back, but this time with Scripture.
- C. Jesus agrees with Peter, but then qualified his understanding.
- D. Jesus challenges the disciple’s refusal to accept suffering as part of God’s plan.
- E. We will have troubles, tribulations and suffering in this life.
- F. As a follower of Jesus, how should we respond and not become hardened by evil?
- G. There is only one way – Worship!

***Conclusion***