

Good News from Mark: When Heaven Comes Close

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1. A _____ glimpse.

"Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them."

Mark 9:2-3 (NLT)

"The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command."

Hebrews 1:3a (NLT)

2. A _____ ring.

"Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter exclaimed, 'Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified."

Mark 9:4-6 (NLT)

3. An _____ sample.

"Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him.'"

Mark 9:7 (NLT)

4. An _____ witness.

"Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. ⁹ As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by 'rising from the dead.'"

Mark 9:8-10 (NLT)

5. _____ removed.

"Then they asked him, 'Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?' ¹² Jesus responded, 'Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready. Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt? ¹³ But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted.'"

Mark 9:11-13 (NLT)

"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. ⁶ His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers..."

Malachi 4:5-6a (NLT)

"John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.'...¹⁴ And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come."

Matthew 11:10, 14 (NLT)

6. How heaven comes close _____.

"Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, 'The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you.'"

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV84)

* _____ and _____.

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:12-17 (NLT)

Where do I need a _____ of heaven?

Where can _____ be a glimpse of heaven?