



## I TELL YOU THAT ELIJAH HAS COME

MARK 9:9-13

*A most difficult command to silence;*

### **ACTS 4:20**

<sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

### **1 CORINTHIANS 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

*An obedience rendered;*

### **LUKE 9:36**

<sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. *And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.*

### **JOHN 11:24**

<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in *the resurrection on the last day.*"

### **JOHN 16:17**

<sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"

**True obedience is given without need for understanding.**

*"Only he who believes obeys, and only he who obeys believes."*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

**The disciples' perplexity drives them to Jesus, not away.**

### **PSALM 119:27**

<sup>27</sup> *Make me understand the way of your precepts,* and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

### **PSALM 119:33**

<sup>33</sup> *Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;* and I will keep it to the end.

### **PSALM 19:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> ...the testimony of the LORD is sure, *making wise the simple;*

<sup>8</sup> ...the commandment of the LORD is pure, *enlightening the eyes;*

*"The Bible does not open itself to the brilliant or the simple, but to the humble and the diligent."*

—Albert Martin

*Elijah must come first;*

### **MALACHI 4:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

A transferrable "spirit";

**2 KINGS 2:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup> And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**LUKE 1:17**

<sup>17</sup> ...he will go before him in the *spirit and power of Elijah*, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

**MATTHEW 17:13**

<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

**MATTHEW 11:14**

<sup>14</sup> ...if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

**Though the scribes rightly understand the Scriptures, their blind devotion to a *literal and traditional interpretation* causes them to miss the Christ.**

**JOHN 2:19**

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

*The Messiah must be treated with contempt;*

**ISAIAH 53:3**

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**PSALM 22:1**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

*The unbreakable nature of the Scriptures;*

**JOHN 10:35**

<sup>35</sup> ...Scripture cannot be broken...

*The central message of the Scriptures;*

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:2**

<sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

**Any portrayal of Christ or the Christian life consisting of all glory and victory and no suffering or humiliation is a false portrayal.**