

WHO IS THIS MAN?

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH ELIJAH?

Mark 9:11-13 Jeff Schreve

And they asked Him, saying, "Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I say to you, that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him." Mark 9:11-13

What is the significance of Elijah to the coming of Christ?

1. The coming of Elijah signals the day of the Lord.

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6

A. The Jews believed Elijah would precede the Messiah.

B. Jesus could not be the Messiah if Elijah has not yet come.

2. The coming of Elijah is secondary to the suffering of Christ.

A. The Jews missed the message of Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22.

"Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Luke 24:26

B. We can easily major on the minors.

3. The coming of Elijah is in foreshadowing and in fullness.

A. John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah.

"And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17

B. Elijah is coming as a witness before the day of the Lord.

Are you ready for the coming of the Lord?