

A SURE WORD IN UNCERTAIN TIMES (Mk.9:9-13)
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TEXT—Mark 9:9-13

MAIN IDEA—All of God's promises are true, therefore God is worthy of our trust.

MEMORY VERSE—Mk.13:31

Certainty—is a firm conviction that something is the case (i.e. like Peter knowing that Jesus is the Messiah); the quality of being reliably true; a fact that is definitely true or an event that is definitely going to take place.

THE CERTAINTY OF THE RESURRECTION (Mk.9:9-10)--No doubt, Peter, and John were amazed at seeing Moses and Elijah alive speaking with Christ in that glorious moment on the mountain. They even heard the voice of God the Father commanding them to listen to Jesus. Yet the Lord commanded them not to tell anyone, until the appointed time.

*The belief in a general resurrection in the last days was commonly held by most Jewish people of this time based on the OT (**Dan.12:2**). Before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, Martha expressed this same belief in a general resurrection (**Jn.11:23-27**).

1 Cor.15:1-8; Acts 2:22-24, 32, 36

2 Pet. 1:16-19; 1 Jn.1:1-4

THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S WORD (Mk.9:11-13)--The scribes taught from the OT about Malachi's prediction that Elijah would come and restore all things, leading people to repentance before the Messiah came (**Mal.3:1; 4:5-6**). Since the disciples saw Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration they were trying to understand how this related to the OT prophecy. **Mal.4:5-6**

Matt.17:11-13

***Jesus promised to: save all who trust in Him (Jn.3:16-17, 36); *Keep all who trust in Him (Jn.6:37-40). *Rom.8:28-37.**