

BAD IDEAS

REMOVING ROADBLOCKS TO KNOWING GOD

- It's not "Biblical principles" that we seek, but the truth of Christ.
- It's not "Biblical justice" that we pursue, but Christlike justice.
- It's not "Biblical manhood" men should aspire to, but Christlike manhood.
- It's not "Biblical womanhood" that informs women, but the light of Christ.

BAD IDEA #3:

The Bible Trumps Jesus (with Brian Zahnd)

APPETIZER: Jesus is What God Has to Say

"This is my beloved son! Listen to him!"

Mark 9:7

TAKE OUT: The Christian and the Old Testament

DINE IN: The Law and the Prophets

Mark 9:2-8

The final testimony of Moses and Elijah is to recede into the background so that Jesus stands alone as the full and true Word of God. Jesus is what God has to say!

- The Transfiguration is where Moses and Elijah find their great successor.
- The Transfiguration is where the Old Testament hands the project of the Kingdom of God over to Jesus.
- The Transfiguration is where the old witness yields to the new witness.

For more on today's topic, see Brian's new book, *Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God*

NEXT WEEK: Bruxy Returns with Bad Idea #4

BAD IDEA #4: God Tortures People Forever

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about something you learned or any questions that remain.
2. Bruxy has spoken on this topic before. How are his and Brian's approach similar, different, complimentary?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Mark 9:1-8**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
 - b. Do you think what Jesus says in **verse 1** might be related to the transfiguration? If so how so?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter, James and John instead of all of his disciples to experience the transfiguration?
 - d. Who was shining and what might be the significance of that?
 - e. Peter's fear and confusion lead him to suggest his own bad idea – making shelters. What is the spiritual significance of Peter's request to treat Elijah, Moses, and Jesus equally? How does **verse 8** counter the view that we should prioritize the whole of Scripture over Jesus?
 - f. How does Jesus' words in **Matthew 20:28** reinforce the pre-eminence of Jesus' teaching for Christian discipleship?
 - g. If Jesus holds all authority, why don't we throw out our Old Testaments and just read the red print (words of Jesus)?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Use your Huddle Handout Questions and pray for one another.

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Quotes

Welcome to our series about common bad ideas that interfere with people knowing God.

Today we have the privilege of hearing from Brian Zahnd on this week's Bad Idea:

The Bible Trumps Jesus

All three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, & Luke) tell the story of the Transfiguration. This is Mark's version...

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.
~Mark 9:2-8