

Four Interpretations of Mark 9:1

Mark 9:1	And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”					
Key Points:	Some who are present listening to Jesus will be alive when the kingdom of God comes with power.					
Who holds it?	Critical Scholars	Conservative Scholars	Premillennialists	Conservative Scholars	Lord’s Church (Typical)	AD 70-ers?
Kingdom refers to:	Second Coming	Second Coming	Second Coming	Transfiguration	Church	Destruction of Jerusalem
Advantages	Fits context of 8:38, assuming that’s talking of the Second Coming	Fits context of 8:38, assuming that’s talking of the Second Coming	Fits context of 8:38, assuming that’s talking of the Second Coming	Fits context later in 9:2-10; works if Transfiguration is a preview of Second Coming	Fits all the requirements presented in verse.	Fits if 8:38 refers to destruction of Jerusalem
Problems	Jesus must have made a timing mistake(!)	Events in 8:38 were deferred, but there’s no indication of this	Assumes “some” means “one,” John, and in a vision (Revelation)	What connection between 8:38 and the Transfiguration?	Does not fit context of 8:38 or parallel accounts	Does not fit context of parallel accounts
Verdict	Absolutely not	Unlikely	Very unlikely	Possible	Possible	Maybe