

## NEXT MAN UP

2 Kings 2

- I. GOD PHYSICALLY TOOK ELIJAH TO HEAVEN IN A FIERY CHARIOT (2 KINGS 2:1-11).
  - A. Elijah and Elisha walked from Gilgal to the Jordan River which Elijah miraculously parted (2:1-8).
  - B. Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion of the Spirit's power, then Elijah was taken to heaven (2:9-11).
    - ✓ *God assigns leadership to whoever He wants whenever He wants.*
- II. AS ELISHA BEGAN LEADING, GOD GAVE HIM POWER LIKE ELIJAH'S (2 KINGS 2:12-25).
  - A. Elisha grieved the loss of Elijah, but continued his ministry (1:12-18).
    - God confirmed Elisha's ministry by parting the Jordan River for him just like Elijah.
  - B. God confirmed Elisha's ministry through miracles of God's grace and God's judgment (1:19-25).
    - God confirmed Elisha's ministry with the miracle of purifying poisonous water (2:19-22).
    - God confirmed Elisha's ministry with the miracle of executing those who mocked Elisha (2:23-25).
    - ✓ *When God replaces a spiritual leader, everything about God remains.*