



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM
MARK 9:5-8

An expected reaction, and an unexpected title;

LUKE 5:8

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

MARK 11:21

²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "*Rabbi*, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

MARK 14:45

⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "*Rabbi!*" And he kissed him.

Cloud Symbolism in the Scriptures	
Old Testament	New Testament
God's presence: Ex. 13:21, Ex. 16:10, Ex. 19:16, Ex. 2:15-16, Ex. 33:9	The return of Christ: Matt. 24:30, Mark 13:26, Mark 14:62, Luke 12:54, Acts 1:9-11, Act2:19, 1 Thess. 4:17, Rev. 1:7, Rev. 14:14
God's protection: Num. 9:17, Ex. 14:24	
God's authority: Ex. 19:9, Ex. 19:16, Ex 33:9	
God's transcendence: Lam. 3:44	
The Day of His return: Ezek. 30:3	
The abode/covering of God: Ps. 97:2, Ps. 105:39	

The cloud "overshadowed" them;

EXODUS 40:35

³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

1 KINGS 8:10-11

¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

LUKE 1:35

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

—The Significance (for the three Disciples)—

Attentiveness and Spiritual Comprehension

DEUTERONOMY 18:15

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

2 PETER 1:16-19

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well

pleased,”¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.
¹⁹ *And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place...*

Faith is always and only our assent to the truth that has been revealed to us, apart from which revelation, it cannot be known.

1. Submission

Peter cannot “establish” Christ. Only Christ can “establish” Peter;

Only the Son offers the solution to the human predicament, and only he will fulfill God’s purposes for Israel and humankind. Thus, Elijah and Moses vanish, and Jesus alone stands before the disciples.

2. Glory

JOHN 17:24

²⁴ *Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

REVELATION 19:11–16

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

3. Suffering

Parallels and Contrasts Between the Transfiguration and the Cross	
<i>The Transfiguration</i>	<i>The Cross</i>
Private epiphany	Public spectacle
Jesus is accompanied by two prophets	Jesus is accompanied by two thieves
Demonstrates Jesus’ glory	Demonstrates Jesus’ humiliation
Jesus goes up the mountain to pray	Jesus carries His cross up the mountain to die
Jesus engages in a conversation about His “exodus”	Jesus engages in a conversation about the eternal life secured by His “exodus”
The disciples are told to wait at the foot of the mountain	The disciples have hidden in fear
The event is preceded by Jesus’ rebuke of Satan	The event is preceded by Satan’s entering into Judas
Jesus’ clothes are supernaturally white and radiant—serving to glorify Him	Jesus’ clothes are taken from Him and gambled over—adding to His humiliation
Three male disciples view His glory from near	Three female disciples view His shame from afar
A cloud of glory envelops the observers	The darkness of God’s judgment covers the land
During the event, the disciples see and hear men who have “died”	After the event, many people witness the dead who have left their graves
His identity is declared by the voice from heaven	His identity is declared by His executioner
The Father affirms His love for the Son	The Son cries out in agony over the Father’s “forsaking” of Him
The question of Elijah is raised: “What does it mean that Elijah comes first?”	The question of Elijah is raised: “Let us see if Elijah will save Him.”

Afterward, the disciples are commanded to silence	Afterward, the disciples are told they are to be witnesses to “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth”
The event is followed by a conversation among disciples attempting to understand what they saw	The event is followed by a conversation among disciples on the road to Emmaus attempting to understand what has come to pass

2 CORINTHIANS 13:4

⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God.

The glory of the Messiah will be far greater than imagined, but so will His suffering.

4. Love

MARK 1:11

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my *beloved Son*; with you I am well pleased.”

GENESIS 22:2

² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, *whom you love*, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

The Father’s love for and delight in the Son;

JOHN 3:35

³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.

JOHN 5:20

²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

JOHN 15:9

⁹ *As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.*

JOHN 17:23

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me *and loved them even as you loved me.*

1 JOHN 3:1

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are...

This indescribable love is the same love secured for us by the Son, and into which we are invited by the Spirit.