

“This is my Son”

Luke 9:28-36

Main idea

Jesus is the Son of God

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28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. **29** As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

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“The glorious Transfiguration of the appearance of Christ is one of the most significant events between His birth and Passion. In each of the Synoptic Gospels it stands as a magnificent Christological statement. Both the Transformation and the divine commentary expressed in the voice from heaven declare Jesus Christ to be the beloved Son of God.”

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Exodus 34:5-8

5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. **6**

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” **8** Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

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“Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a mountain to show them who He really was-not merely a great prophet, but God’s own Son.”

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Luke 9:30-33

30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. **31** They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. **33**

As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, 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 he was saying.)

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“Moses, the great OT deliverer and lawgiver, and Elijah, the representative of the prophets. Moses’ work had been finished by Joshua, Elijah’s by Elisha. They now spoke with Jesus concerning the “exodus” He was about to accomplish, by which He would deliver His people from the bondage of sin and bring to fulfillment the work of both Moses and Elijah.”

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“Peter wanted to keep Moses and Elijah with them, but this was not what God wanted. Peter’s desire to build shelters for Jesus, Moses and Elijah may also show his understanding that real faith is built on three cornerstones: The Law, The Prophets, and Jesus.”

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“As Moses led the first exodus, the new Moses will lead a second one. God’s end-time salvation is often described to the Old Testament prophets as a new and greater Exodus.”

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Luke 9:34-36

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. **35** A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” **36** When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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Deuteronomy 18:15

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

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Luke 3:21-22

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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“The voice speaking “from the cloud” is that of God the Father Himself... the focus throughout the Transfiguration is on the supreme person and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Expositor’s Bible Commentary

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“As at His baptism, Jesus is identified here as both Messiah and the Suffering Servant.”

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Application

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Final Thoughts

“At His Transfiguration Jesus reveals to His disciples the awesome glory that was His before He came to earth and the glory to which He will return after His death and resurrection. This glimpse of the real Jesus is intended to encourage during the dark days that lie ahead. Such a glimpse into Jesus’ real glory should inspire us to live on a higher plane in the face of life’s difficulties.”

Final Thoughts

“However, the revelation does show to us that we, too, will be transformed in our bodies when we are in heaven. Christ assumed our bodies both for suffering and for glorification. In the end, this miraculous revelation of Christ’s divinity is for us.”

Reformation Commentary in Scripture

Final Thoughts

2 Peter 1:16-18

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **18** We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

Final Thoughts

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.