

<sup>28</sup> About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup> Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>34</sup> But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

<sup>35</sup> Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." <sup>36</sup> When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

## Come Down From the Clouds

### 1. JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT.

*"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. Malachi 4:5*

*"Then the LORD said to me, '... I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him.'" Deuteronomy 18:17,18*

*"I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose." Matthew 5:17*

*"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!" John 5:39*

## 2. CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES.

Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. Romans 15:8

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. Hebrews 10:1

This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life. The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. 2 Corinthians 3:6-7

## 3. "THE GLORY OF GOD IS MAN \_\_\_\_\_." (IRENAEUS)

When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the LORD. So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses' face, they were afraid to come near him. ... The people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the LORD. Exodus 34:29,35

Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever. Daniel 12:3

"You are the light of the world. ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14, 16

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. ... When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." John 15:5,7

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- 1) Forgive - Let Go / Reconcile
  - 2) Repeat offense - still need mercy
  - 3) No apology - still doing harm?
- Lesson - extreme, life & death, spectrum

Never see God - but all agree: circumstances + judging  
God sees both sides clearly, fairly - Don't get in his way  
If ppl hurt you, subject to judgment - don't entice them!

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