

Why the Father Spoke at the Transfiguration

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He didn't just affirm Jesus-the Father commanded attention.

"This is My Son, whom I

love; with Him I am well pleased.

Listen to Him!"

-Matthew 17:5

High on a mountain,

Jesus stood with Peter, James, and John.

His face shone like the sun.

His clothes flashed dazzling white.

Then-Moses and Elijah appeared,

speaking with Him about His departure.

His exodus (Luke 9:31).

Peter, overwhelmed, offered to build shelters.

But before he could finish,

a cloud descended and enveloped them.

And from that cloud came a voice.

At the baptism, the Father declared identity.

At the transfiguration, He demanded obedience.

"Listen to Him."

Not just admire.

Not just follow.

Listen.

You may not know this about Jesus:

when His friends struggled to listen, the Father spoke for Him.

This moment came just after Jesus began

speaking plainly about His suffering and death.

The disciples didn't understand.

So the Father stepped
in-not to explain, but to elevate
the voice they were struggling to hear.