

## My Son

**Ex 4:22** And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is **my son**, even my firstborn:

**Matt 2:15** And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called **my son**.

**Luke 9:35** And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is **my beloved Son**: hear him.

There was a sense in which God had two sons. Only one of whom it is said 'only begotten', and only One that He called my 'beloved Son'

Israel as a son brought very little delight to God. The Son of God brought full delight to his Father in Heaven, Much could be said as to the contrast and comparison of these two sons, but sufficient to say "that all that God never found in the nation as a son, He found in his well beloved Son.

On the Mount of Olives that first Palm Sunday, two saw the same scene differently. The disciples saw the triumph of the moment, while Jesus saw the tragedy. "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it" (v. 41). Jesus saw tragedy that day, not triumph The tragedy had three parts. First, the people wanted peace but did not know what would bring peace to them. True peace is found only in Christ.

Second, they did not realize the destruction they faced. A few years later Rome captured Jerusalem, killing more than 600,000 people and destroying the temple. Jesus also knew that all face judgment unless they receive the forgiveness He can give. Third, He wept because they did not "recognize the time of God's coming" (v. 44). God became a man and lived among us-Immanuel! Yet many did not recognize that and instead rejected Him. A few days after Palm Sunday the cries of "Hosanna!" became "Crucify him!"

Jesus wept because the people did not know peace, realize they faced destruction or recognize that He was God. What a price our world is paying for rejecting the true King of Peace, His beloved Son.

Do you have peace? It is found in the Lord Jesus. He saves us from sin's power and penalty.

And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:30-31).

This is a mysterious passage. Peter, James, and John watched in awe as Christ was "transfigured" before them as Christ had promised (Mark 9:2). But how could Moses and Elijah be there? Moses' body had been buried by God in an unknown tomb in Moab some 1500 years before, and no resurrection had yet taken place (Deuteronomy 34:5-6; I Corinthians 15:22-23). Elijah had been taken alive into heaven in a chariot of fire over 900 years previously (II Kings 2:11).

The fact is that this whole experience was a remarkable vision! Jesus said, after it was over: "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Although they had just been awakened out of sleep (Luke 9:32), the disciples knew this was not a dream. All three had seen it together and "were sore afraid" (Mark 9:6).

This vision of the future kingdom was for the disciples' encouragement (and for ours, as well), for the Lord had just been warning them of His coming death, as well as the cross which they, themselves, must take up to follow Him (Luke 9:23). The kingdom of God would come on earth, in all its future power and glory. But first, He must die and rise again, and they must be His witnesses of these things.

Let me turn your thoughts toward this 'beloved Son'. The voice from Heaven, doesn't say 'see Him' but the words "hear him" So much could be written about His Son.1

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her (her not their) firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Mary will address him as Son ... when they sought him sorrowing!

***Mary would never call him 'my Son' that it would seem is reserved for His loving Father in Heaven!***

John 5:23 That all men should honour the Son ... let us be among that number!