

06 THE KING'S
TRUE IDENTITY

A STUDY OF
Mark



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Mark 8:27 ^{NIV}

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, **“Who do people say I am?”**



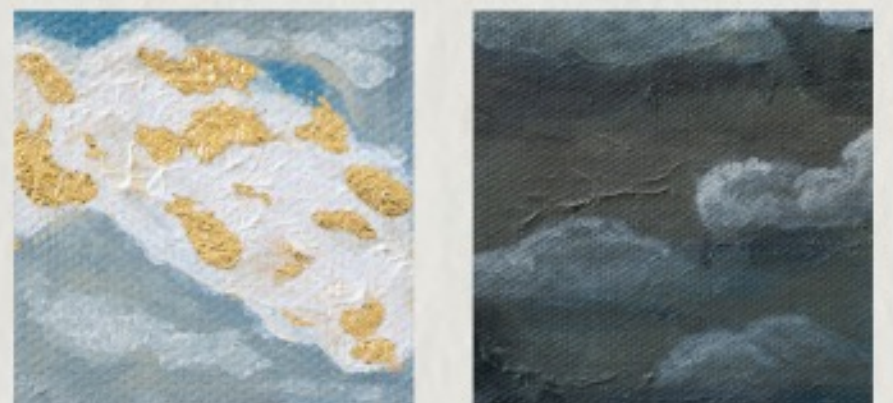
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Mark 2:6-7 NIV

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ **“Why does this fellow talk** like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Mark 4:41 NIV

They were terrified and asked each other, **“Who is this?** Even the wind and the waves obey him!”



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They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”





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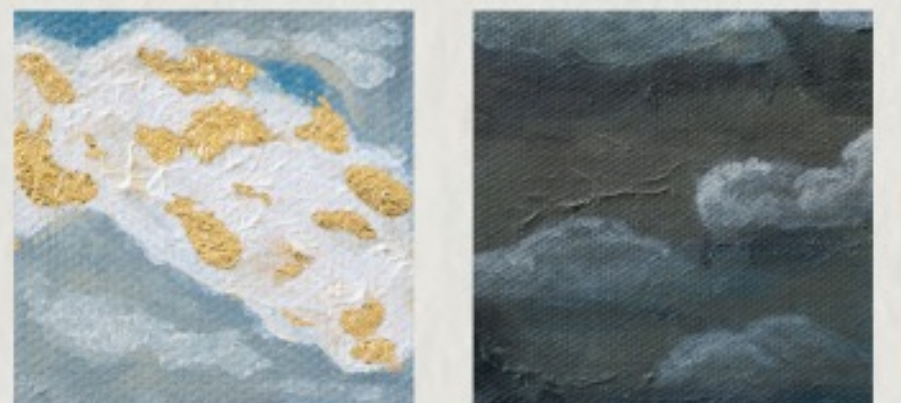
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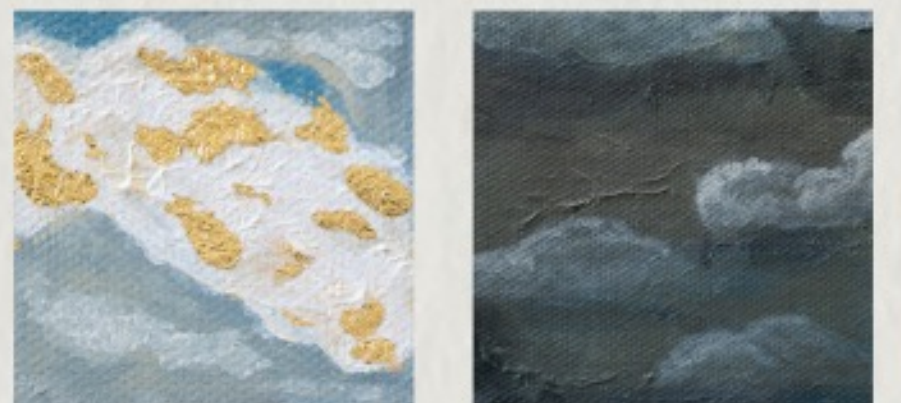
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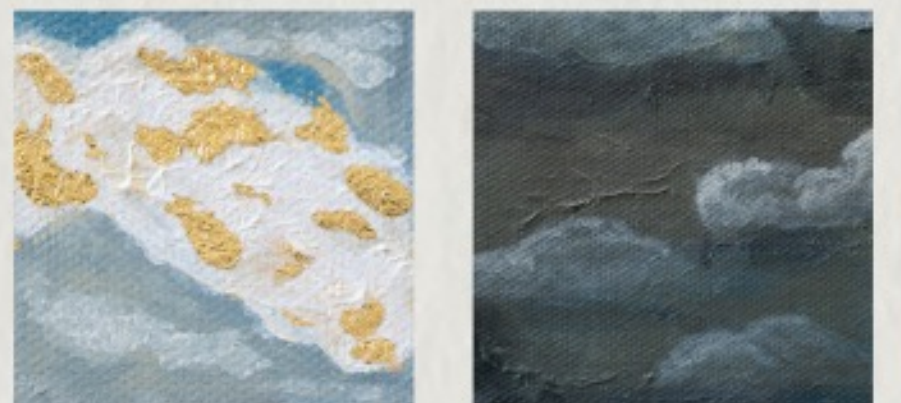
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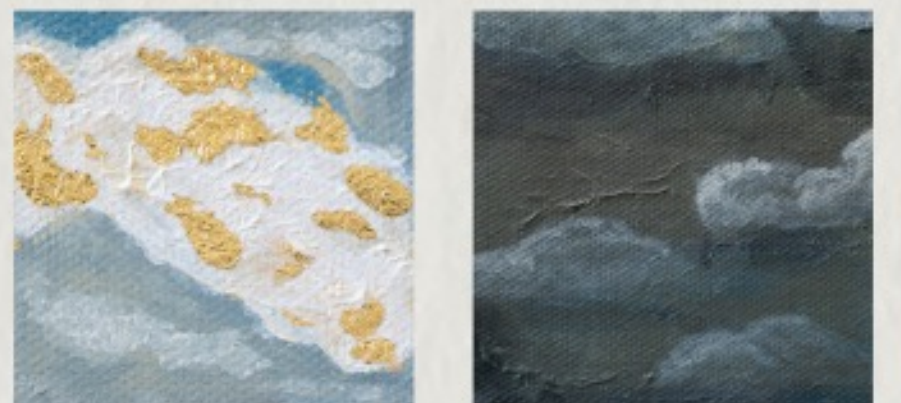
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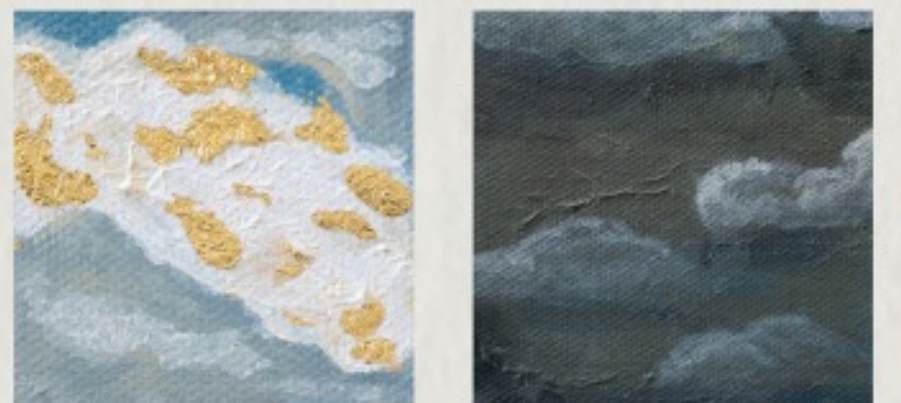
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- 1) A coming King
- 2) Restoration of the Temple
- 3) Defeat of Israel's enemies





We have seen that generalized and loosely formed messianic themes and ideas were current and well known; that they characteristically drew on and reused well-known biblical passages and motifs; and that the referent in many cases is the very this-worldly idea of a ruler or judge who would arise within Israel and who would enact the divine judgment and vengeance on Israel's oppressors...It will also involve action in relation to the Jerusalem Temple, which must be cleansed and/or restored or rebuilt.

-N.T. Wright, The New Testament and the People of God

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Mark 8:30 ^{NIV}

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.



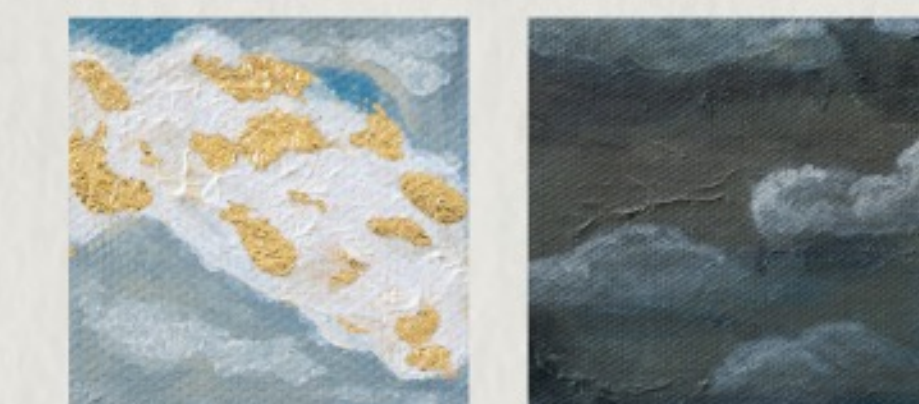
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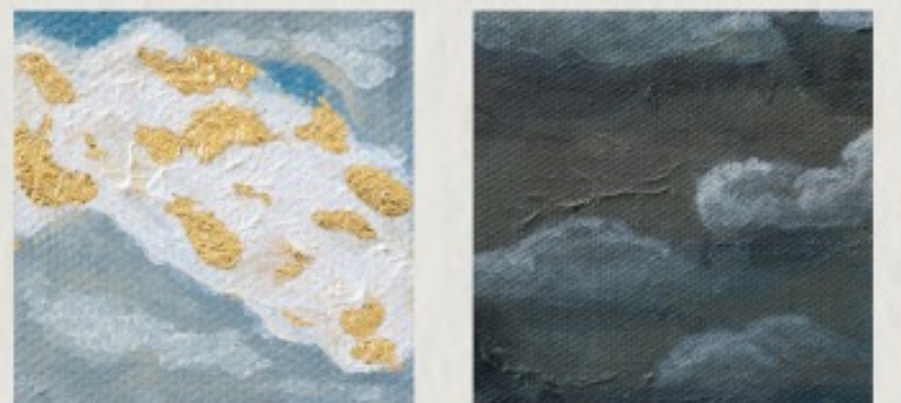
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Mark 8:31-32a ^{NIV}

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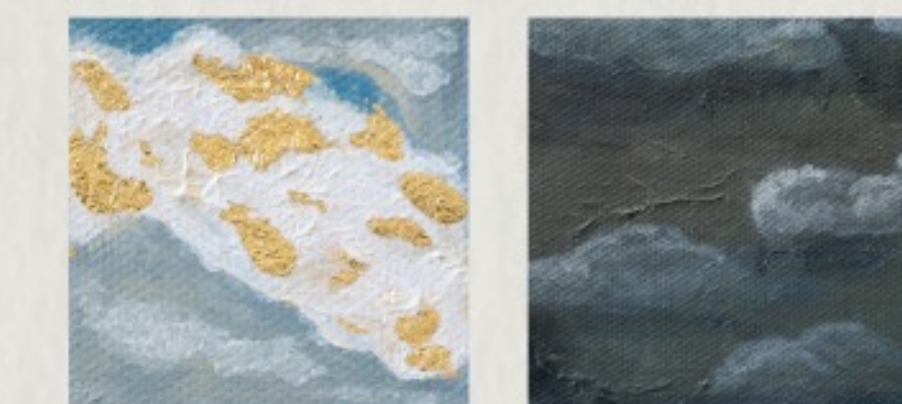
He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.



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Mark 8:33 ^{NIV}

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”



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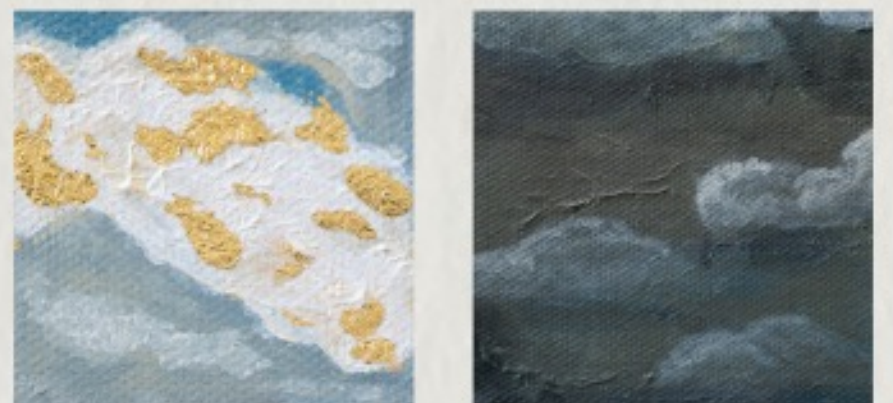
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Mark 8:34, 36 ^{NIV}

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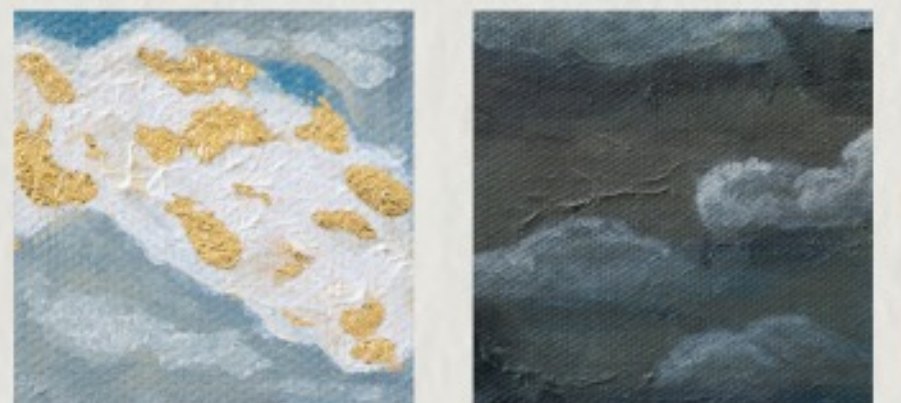
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The more we get what we now call ‘ourselves’ out of the way and let Him take us over, the more truly ourselves we become...There must be a real giving up of the self...Your real self, new self, will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him.

- *C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*



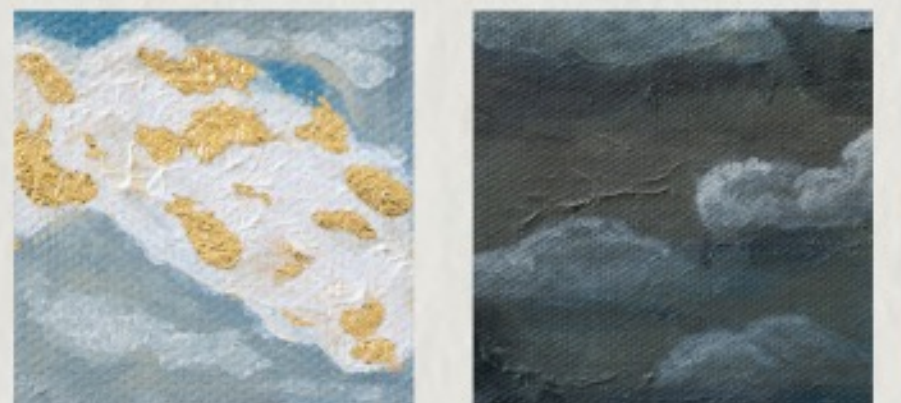
Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end, and you will find life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing that is in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.


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