

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Six • 2Peter 1:16-18

A Gospel You Can Trust

Peter Wants Us to Know:

You can TRUST the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The False Teachers' Attack:

The promise of JESUS' COMING is a myth.

Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 2Peter 3:3-4

The Eyewitness Testimony of the Apostles:

I. The Apostles Deny Following MYTHS About Jesus' Coming!

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... 2Peter 1:16

What are "fables" or "myths"?

"Fables" or "myths" are manufactured STORIES that have no basis in fact.

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 1Timothy 4:7 NIV

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 2Timothy 4:3-4 ESV

Why were false teachers attacking the Second Coming of Christ?

If there's no RETURN of Christ, then there's no RULE of Christ, including no judgment by Christ.

2. The Apostles Verify Seeing The MAJESTY Of Jesus At The Transfiguration!

...but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 2Peter 1:16-18

Matthew's Account of the Transfiguration of Jesus:

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Matthew 17:1-8 NIV

The Eyewitness Testimony of Jesus' Transfiguration:

- The apostles SAW Jesus robed in majestic glory.
- The apostles HEARD God's voice from the Majestic Glory.

What's the significance of the majesty of Jesus at the Transfiguration?

The majesty of Jesus at the Transfiguration is a PREVIEW of the majesty of Jesus at the Second Coming.

Myth Versus History:

Because the truth of Jesus' Coming is anchored in history and not myths, you can TRUST the Gospel of Jesus Christ!