

## **2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)**

16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

"Uh huh, sure you did Peter. Sure you saw his glory. Sure you heard the voice of God." You can hear the objections that were raised about Peter's testimony without even seeing them written down. "Are you sure you weren't a little drowsy and just dream all this up?" That's how some people want to view Jesus transfiguration. They want to see it just as a dream or a mirage. They picture those disciples up on Mount Hermon and with the sunlight glistening off the snow it only looked like Jesus was glorified. People will do anything to discredit a miracle.

Peter's words here are quite clear and quite definitive. There was no story telling, no slight embellishments, no dramatizing to sell extra copies. This is exactly what he saw. He was an eyewitness of Jesus majesty. He heard the voice of God with his own two ears. He has been blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit to see the Old Testament in a whole new light, one that has Jesus shining through like a light in a dark place. If only they would listen to them.

But this isn't even the main point of Peter's defense. He's not concerned with his personal reputation. He's concerned with God's Word. And what he gives us is a beautiful description of why we view the Bible as the actual Word of God. This is why we know it's true. This is why we know that there are no errors in it. This is why we base our entire lives off of what it says. Above all, God's Word never came about by any man's interpretation. Isaiah and Jeremiah didn't sit down one day and decide that they were going to write what they thought God would say. No, those men and all the other writers in the Bible spoke from God. God, through the Holy Spirit, gave them the exact words to write, his words for his Word.

In an age where uncertainty abounds, where absolute truth seems to have completely disappeared, where the difference between what's right and wrong is very much blurred; we have an anchor that will hold us fast. We have an unchanging, immovable guide that directs our life. We have a source of ultimate, absolute truth. It is the Word of God. Words from his very mouth penned by his servants under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These are not cleverly invented stories, no, this is truth and the truth is what will set you free!