

Section 6 - 2 Peter 1:16-18

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 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. (NIV)

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16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories or myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty [His grandeur, His authority, His sovereignty]. 17 For when He was invested with honor and [the radiance of the Shekinah] glory from God the Father, such a voice as this came to Him from the [splendid] Majestic Glory [in the bright cloud that overshadowed Him, saying], “This is My Son, My Beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased and delighted”— 18 and we [actually] heard this voice made from heaven when we were together with Him on the holy mountain. (AMP)

Questions

- (v 16) When did Jesus come in power? Who might create “cleverly devised stories” about Jesus Christ? What is an eyewitness? What was Peter an

eyewitness to? Read Mark 9:1-13 on the back. Why is this important?

- (v 17) Who gave Jesus honor and glory? Where did the voice come from? What three things did God the Father say about Jesus? How should we respond to the Father’s statement about Jesus Christ?
- (v 18) Where did the voice come from? Who heard it with Peter? Where were they?
- What is something from our passage or study you are challenged to ponder further this week?

Suggested Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you that my faith in you is not based on cleverly devised stories and myths created by men. You have provided an eyewitness account of your deity from three of your apostles on this one occasion. I pray that through my actions and words, I can give you honor and glory as God the Father gave you honor and glory at the Transfiguration. May my love for you grow until it is like the Father’s love for you. Amen

Passages for reference:

Mark 9:1-13

9 And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until

the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.

11 And they asked him, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

12 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? 13 But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.” (NIV)

Other Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration
Matthew 17:1–13; Luke 9:28–36