

P E T E R

#2 Evidence that Demands a Verdict... about Jesus' Return 2 Peter 1:16-21

How Can We Know For Sure That Jesus Is Going To Come Back?

1. APPARENT ASSERTIONS BY THE FALSE TEACHERS

A Denial: Sorry, Jesus is not ever coming back – 3:1-4

Scriptures that promise Christ's return:

An Accusation: Jesus' apostles made it all up. The supposed "promise of Jesus' return" is nothing more than a **MYTH**.

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

An Implication: Since there is no coming **JUDGMENT** where holy living will be rewarded and sinful living will be judged, feel free to live like we do... however you want!

The "Parousia"

2. DEFINITIVE DEFENSE FROM PETER

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

A. Eyewitness TESTIMONY of those who were given a preview: We apostles witnessed Jesus' kingdom glory with our own eyes and ears

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS:
A PREVIEW OF KINGDOM GLORY

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 17:1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light....

B. An Even More SURE Word: the Prophecies of Scripture which predicted that event actually came from God Himself

2 Peter 1:19 And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention **as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...

"phosphorus" —

2 Peter 1:20 ... knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along** by the Holy Spirit.

"carried along" —

My takeaway from today's sermon...
