

# 2 Peter

“More Certain” – Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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### STUDY NOTES

**High mountain (Matt. 17:1).** Its identity is unknown. However, the reference to Caesarea Philippi (16:13) may suggest that it was Mount Hermon, which was just northeast of Caesarea Philippi.

**Moses and Elijah (Matt. 17:3).** Moses appears as the representative of the old covenant and the promise of salvation, which was soon to be fulfilled in the death of Jesus. Elijah appears as the appointed restorer of all things (Mal. 4:5-6; Mark 1:11-13).

**Cloud (Matt. 17:5).** Exodus 24:15-16 – When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settles on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud.

1. If you could have been with Jesus at one event in His life, which would you choose? Why?

### Read Matthew 17: 1-8

2. It has been six days since Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ and Jesus predicted His own death. Why do you believe it is important for this event to take place at this point of time in Jesus' ministry?
3. Who did Jesus invite to witness this event?
4. Do you believe there is significance in the fact that Jesus selected only three to view this event? What do you believe is the reason that He selected the specific three?
5. Why do you think that Moses and Elijah were present?
6. What is significant in what the voice from the cloud says about Jesus?
7. What memories or insights do you think Peter, James, and John took home with them from this incident?

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### **Well pleased (Matt. 17:5).**

These are the same words spoken by God from heaven at Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:17). Jesus was no mere man, but the very Son of God, and was transfigured.

**Peter's Message (2 Peter 1:19-21).** His message rests on two solid foundations: (1) the voice from God at the transfiguration and (2) the still more significant testimony of Scripture.

**Carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21).** In the production of Scripture both God and man were active participants. God was the source of the content of Scripture, so that what it says is what God has said. But the human author also actively spoke; he was more than a recorder. Yet what he said came from God. Although actively speaking, he was carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

8. How does Peter establish his authority for what he shares with his readers?
  
9. How does Peter defend the authority and inspiration of the prophets? Does this defense imply that those reading Peter's writing may have an issue? If yes, what is the issue?
  
10. Much prophecy was fulfilled in the first coming of Christ. How does this influence your view of the prophecies yet to be fulfilled?
  
11. Of a non-Christian asked you to "prove" the Bible is God's Word, on what would you base your answer?
  
12. How does that answer affect your Bible study habits? Your witness? Your lifestyle?