

THE SURE WORD, PART 1:
THE CERTAINTY OF THE APOSTOLIC MESSAGE
(2 Peter 1:16-18)

- I. The CHARACTER of their Message (2 Pet. 1:16*a*)
 - A. What the Apostles' message WAS NOT
 - 1. It was not "cleverly DEvised"
 - 2. It was neither MYTH nor LEGEND
 - B. What the Apostles HAD NOT DONE—"FOLLOWED"
- II. The CONTENT of their Message (2 Pet. 1:16*b*)
 - A. What the Apostles HAD DONE
 - 1. They had PROCLAIMED "to you" a message
 - 2. Their message was of "the POWER and COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ"
 - a. Announcing a FUTURE manifestation of His POWER
 - b. Emphasizing His ABIDING PRESENCE
 - c. Affirming Jesus' identity as both SOVEREIGN and SAVIOR
 - B. Why the Apostles' TESTIMONY was RELIABLE
 - 1. They were intimate ASSOCIATES and careful OBSERVERS of Jesus

2. They had already seen His MAJESTY

III. The CORROBORATION of their Message (2 Pet. 1:17-18)

A. Christ received HONOR and GLORY

1. BESTOWED directly from GOD THE FATHER
2. Comprised of His DECLARATION
 - a. It was an AUDIBLE voice from OUTSIDE themselves
 - b. It was a pronouncement by "The MAJESTIC GLORY"
 - c. It identified Jesus as God's "BELOVED SON"
 - d. It declared FULL APPROVAL of the Lord Jesus

B. The Apostles "HEARD this utterance"

1. Intelligible WORDS were spoken in their PRESENCE
2. PETER was one of those who heard
3. The voice originated in HEAVEN
4. The event occurred at a SPECIFIC LOCATION
5. The central fact is the event's promise and foretaste of Christ's PHYSICAL RETURN in GLORY