



Reaching the World For Christ

Famous Last Words
Peter's Last Letter: Part 8
2 Peter 1:16-21

Why should we believe the Gospel message?

I. The Personal Witness of the Disciples v16-18

Rom 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek*

Matthew 17:1-8

1. **The Son's Alteration v1-2**
2. **The Saints' Appearance v3**
3. **The Sovereign's Announcement v4-8**

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth*

II. The Prophetic Witness of the Old Testament v19

The Bible is the only book of religion on planet earth that contains specific predictive prophecy.

The Old Testament contains well over 2000 predictive prophecies, which are very specific and detailed.

III. It is Inspired by the Holy Spirit v20-21

Inspiration can be defined as the mysterious process by which God worked through human writers, employing their individual personalities and styles to produce divinely authoritative and inerrant writings. Norman Geisler

I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses, during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies, and claim that their writings are divine rather than human in origin. Voddie Bauchum

Conclusion:

Luke 16:19-31

John 12:9-11 *When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.*

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