

## The Second Coming of Jesus is Not a Fairy Tale

*from 2 Peter 1:16-19*

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In the context of previously established teachings Peter moves on to an apology, or defense, of the veracity of his teachings. Peter defended the apostolic teaching because it was being assailed by the false teachers. Not only is all of Christian doctrine true, but, Peter emphasizes, the second coming of Christ is true. Therefore he reminds these churches of the reasons they should continue to believe it.

*We must be people who believe the message of Christ's apostles that Jesus will return.* Peter gives four reasons to believe in the future return of the Lord Jesus:

1. Christ's apostles did not make up fable (2 Pet 1:16a).
2. Christ's apostles beheld the divine Christ in his future Kingdom glory (2 Pet 1:16b).
3. God the Father himself gave the Son honor and glory (2 Pet 1:17-18).
4. Christ's Transfiguration glory confirms the Old Testament prophecies about him (2 Pet 1:19).

Peter has established that the second coming is true. The word of prophecy is sure. *Now what?*