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**Is Christianity Credible?**

2 Peter 1:12-21

“*The church is the pillar and foundation of the truth*” (1 Tim. 3:15)…on what basis?

Accused of being teachers of fiction…

1*. How do you respond to the accusation that Jesus is just a collection of cleverly invented stories?*

**Apostolic Credibility** (16-18) **HISTORY**

Eyewitnesses (saw)—the transfiguration and Jesus’ majesty (Matt. 17; Mk. 9; Lk. 9)

* “power and coming”
* “received honour and glory”

Ear-witnesses (heard)—THE Voice (Ps. 2:7; Is. 42:1; Matt. 17:5)

2. *How do you respond to accusations that the Bible is a collection of writings invented and interpreted by people?*

**Prophets: God’s Secretaries** (19-21) **INSPIRATION**

In the matter of interpretation—*not one’s own*

In the matter of origin—*not in the will of man*

In the matter of recording—*not dictation, not vague concepts, “carried along”*

*The need for confidence in God’s truth as delivered is once again in crisis—are you settled on every word, God-breathed, without error? False teacher-proof you and your family! (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)*