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# IGG weekend away



**2 Peter**

Student track

# Talk 1: The surpassing worth of knowing Jesus

## Remember the apostolic message!

### 2 Peter 1:1–11

## Introduction

The issue at the heart of 2 Peter:

- For Christians (1:12)
- To remember (1:12–15; 3:1–2)
- The apostolic message (3:2)
- About Jesus's return (1:16 cf Acts 10:42–43);

In light of:

- Peter's own death (1:14 cf John 21:18–19),
- the rise of false teachers (2:1–3, 3:3–4),
- the delay in Jesus's return (3:3–4);

Because of:

- the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (1:2, 3, 8; 3:18).

## 1. The gifts bestowed by knowing Jesus as Lord (1:1–4)

- i. Past: a faith equal with the apostles
- ii. Present: a power sufficient for godliness
- iii. Future: a promised partnership with divinity

## 2. The growth demanded by knowing Jesus as Lord (1:5–11)

# **Talk 2: The firm foundation of God's promise**

**Remember the apostolic message!**

**2 Peter 1:16–21**

**How can we trust the apostolic message about Jesus's return?**

**1. The apostles saw God appoint Jesus as Judge (1:16–18)**

**2. The prophets spoke words inspired by God's Spirit (1:19–21)**

**Therefore, pay attention!**

# **Talk 3: The inevitable rise of false teachers**

**Remember the apostolic message!**

**2 Peter 2:1–22**

## **Introduction**

### **1. Peter's certain prediction about future false teachers (2:1–10a)**

i. Prediction 1: false teachers will arise (2:1–3a)

ii. Prediction 2: false teachers will be judged (2:3b–10a)

### **2. Peter's ugly description of present false teachers (2:10b–22)**

i. Their character: arrogant and greedy (2:10b–16)

ii. Their ministry: empty, impotent, and accursed (2:17–22)

# Talk 4: The certain fulfilment of the prophets

## Remember the apostolic message!

### 2 Peter 3:1–18

## If Jesus is coming back, why hasn't he done so yet?

- **Peter's purpose:** “I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles.” — 2 Peter 3:2 ESVUK
- **The false teachers' objection:** “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” — 2 Peter 3:4 ESVUK

## 1. Three truths from the prophets which scoffers forget (3:5–7)

- i. The world was made by God's word (3:5 cf Genesis 1, Isaiah 40)
- ii. The world was destroyed by God's word (3:6 cf Genesis 6–9)
- iii. The world will be destroyed by God's word again (3:7 cf Isaiah 24)

## 2. Three truths from the prophets which we must remember (3:8–10)

- i. God's timing is not ours (3:8 cf Psalm 90:4)
- ii. God's delay is not pointless (3:9 cf Exodus 34:6–7)
- iii. God's patience is not unlimited (3:10 cf Matthew 24:43; Luke 12:39)

## 3. Three exhortations from the apostle which we can apply (3:11–18)

- i. Wait! (3:12, 13, 14)
- ii. Count! (3:12, 15)
- iii. Grow! (3:14, 17, 18)