

1. The testimony of the prophets confirmed

- a) 2 Peter 1:19
- b) Luke 24:25–27, 44–45
- c) John 5:39–40
- d) What testimonies of the prophets regarding the Messiah are especially meaningful to you?
 - i) Micah 5:2, born in Bethlehem
 - ii) Malachi 3:1–2, cleanses Temple
 - iii) Zechariah 9:9, triumphal entry
 - iv) Isaiah 7:14, born of a virgin
 - v) Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7, shows interest in Galilee
 - vi) Isaiah 53:5–6, wounded for our transgressions
 - vii) Other prophecies about Messiah?

2. Eyewitnesses of His majesty

- a) Peter and the other disciples had a unique privilege—they were eyewitnesses of the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. 2 Peter 1:16–18 (see also 1 John 1:1–4)
- b) How does the eyewitness testimony of the early disciples encourage those of us who are following Jesus today? (John 20:26–29)
- c) Why is it so important to know that the reports about Jesus are historical fact rather than “cunningly devised fables”?
- d) What experiences in your life have convinced you of the truth about Jesus?

3. The Morning Star rising in our hearts

- a) 2 Peter 1:19. What is the connection between our attentiveness to Scripture and the Morning Star (phosphoros) rising in our hearts? (see Revelation 22:16)
- b) Share your testimony of the Morning Star rising in your heart.
- c) How does a study of God’s Word help you to experience a closer relationship with Jesus?
- d) Why is it more important than ever to allow the light of God’s Word to shine? (Psalm 119:105)

4. The more sure Word of Prophecy

- a) 2 Peter 1:19–21
- b) What does Peter mean when he says no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation?
- c) How can we ensure that the Holy Spirit is actively involved in our reading and study of the Scriptures? Luke 11:13; John 16:13.
- d) When is it appropriate to use one Scripture to interpret another Scripture?
- e) How has the Holy Spirit guided you through the Scriptures to make changes in your beliefs or behaviors? (See 2 Timothy 3:16–17)

