

Letters from Long Ago: 3

May God our Father give
us grace and peace

Today we are going to hear part of a
letter written by Jesus' friend Peter.

We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. We were there when he was given honour and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1: 16-18

Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased—listen to him!"

Matthew 17: 1-5

Thinkabout:

There are two stories of Jesus where these words from heaven are heard. Which one do you think that Peter is remembering?

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him... As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

Matthew 2: 13 - 17

Wondering:

Which story would *you*
remember the best?

Peace be to our whole community,
and love with faith, from God