

SIMON PETER

DISCIPLE OF JESUS



NAME

- Simon (original name)
- Simeon
- Peter (name given by Jesus; means "stone")
- Cephas (Aramaic version of Peter; John 1:42)

BACKGROUND

- Fisherman from Bethsaida (John 1:44)
- Son of a man named John (John 1:42; Matthew 4:18; 16:17)
- Brother of Andrew
- Called by Jesus when he lived in Capernaum, along the Sea of Galilee (Mark 1)
- Married (1 Corinthians 9:5; Matthew 8:14; Luke 4:38)

PERSONALITY & CHARACTER

- Tenacious
- Loyal
- Driven
- Impulsive at times
- Loved Jesus deeply
- Visionary
- Natural leader
- Cowardly before his conversion
- Became an unflinching witness for Jesus in the face of suffering and death

AS A DISCIPLE

HIS CALLING

- Met Jesus through his brother, Andrew
- Didn't immediately follow Jesus full-time
- Miracle catch of fish led Peter to commit to being a "fisher of men" (Luke 5:1-11)

A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

- Was one of Jesus' 12 disciples
- Was part of Jesus' inner circle, along with James and John (Matthew 17:1; Luke 8:51)
- Spent 3 1/2 years traveling with Jesus
- Walked on the water (Matthew 14:22-31)
- Confessed Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 16:13-19)
- Was rebuked by Jesus (Matthew 16:21-26)
- Witnessed the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)
- Witnessed Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)
- Defended Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 18:1-11)
- Denied Jesus 3 times (Luke 22:54-62)
- Forgiven by Jesus (John 21:1-19)

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE

A LIFE TRANSFORMED

- Shows us how patient God is with all His children
- Proves how He can change our lives

EVEN "THE BEST" STRUGGLE TOO

- God continues to work with us, helping us to realize how much we need Him
- Transformation is right around the corner from that struggle if we allow Jesus to work in our lives

AS AN APOSTLE

- Present on the day of Pentecost, leading 3000 to give their lives to Christ (Acts 2)
- Healed a lame man and preached to a large crowd (Acts 3)
- Preached boldly before the Sanhedrin, the highest Jewish court (Acts 4)
- Was arrested multiple times for preaching about Jesus (Acts 4; 5:17-42)
- Preached Jesus to the Samaritans, the enemies of the Jews (Acts 8:14-25)
- Healed a person with paralysis (Acts 9:32-35)
- Raised a woman to life (Acts 9:36-43)
- Shared the gospel with the Roman centurion Cornelius (Acts 10)
- Was released by an angel after Herod imprisoned him (Acts 12:1-9)
- Wrote 1 and 2 Peter and was the main interviewee and source for the Gospel of Mark
- Died a martyr's death (John 21:18-19)

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