

The Life of Peter in the Gospels
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Monday, 9:30-11:00 am
To be discussed--03/18/24

Lesson 1
The Gospels

The life of Peter is a beautiful window into the work of Jesus Christ in the lives of those who follow Him. As you read the passages for homework, consider both who Jesus reveals Himself to be, and how this one man, Simon Peter, was transformed by his relationship with Jesus Christ? We will end our time next week by discussing John 21. If you can, take time to familiarize yourself with the passage in advance.

1. **The Call of Peter:** Read John 1:35-42 and Luke 4:38-5:11. How was Simon introduced to Jesus? Where did the name Peter come from and what does it mean?

2. **Walking on Water:** Read Matthew 14:22-35. List the actions of Jesus in this story. What does this reveal regarding His identity? List the actions of Peter in this story. What might Peter's own actions reveal?

3. **The Declaration and Rebuke:** Read Matthew 16:13-28. In the first conversation (v. 13-20), how does Jesus affirm Simon Peter's observation as well as Peter himself? In the second conversation (v. 21-28), how does Jesus' response clarify His own purposes compared to His disciples, and particularly Peter's, at this time?

4. **The Transfiguration:** Read Matthew 17:1-9. What disciples witnessed this transfiguration of Jesus? How is Jesus changed before them? What truths did the voice from the cloud reveal to them? (v. 5)

5. **The Last Supper:**
 - Read Luke 22:7-23. What two disciples prepared the Passover meal for Jesus and the other disciples? What did this meal mean to Jesus according to his words in v. 14-23?
 - Read John 13:1-17. Why did Jesus wash His disciples' feet? Why might Peter have struggled with this?
 - Read Matthew 26:31-35 and Luke 22:31-34. What does Jesus say about the upcoming behavior of the disciples? What does he say about Simon (Peter) specifically?

6. **The Garden:** Read Mark 14:32-42. What was Jesus asking His disciples to do with Him?
 - Read Matthew 26:47-56. What power does Jesus assure everyone that He has in response to this threat?
 - Read John 18:10-11 and note which disciple was the one who used his sword. How does this reveal the difference between Jesus' purposes compared to his disciples?

7. **The Denial:** Read Luke 22:54-62. What does Peter do? How did Jesus respond? (see v. 61). (For added details, see John 18:15-18, and 25-27.)

8. **The Tomb:** Read John 20:1-10 and 19-23. What two disciples are the first to the tomb? What did they witness there? (see also Mark 16:6-7. Who does the angel mention by name? Why might he make sure to do so?)