

Lessons from the Lives of the Apostles - Study 3 of 5

Some incidents in the Life of Peter

1. Jesus performs a "fishing" miracle that captures Peter's attention, Luke 5:1-11. **How does Peter's actions & attitude mirror the steps in consecration? see verses 8, 11 especially. How does this meeting relate to the account in John 1:35-43 that describes Jesus giving Simon the name Cephas? Cephas/Aramaic Petros/Greek for stone. Did Peter undergo changes to become the rock? R2571:2**



Matt 14:22-32

2. At first the disciples were troubled upon seeing Jesus walking on the water. Upon being reassured by Jesus, Peter requests to join the Lord on the water. Peter begins to sink and cries out. Matt 14:22-32 **Have you ever had sinking experiences? What is the remedy? What assurances do we have? R5095 It is I, Be Not Afraid**

3. In a very short time Peter earned the praise of the Master and also a subsequent rebuke. Matt 16:13-28 He boldly recognized Jesus as the Christ. (vs 16) And Jesus proclaimed him the rock to be built upon (vs 18). When Jesus told the disciples that he must suffer & die (vs 21) Peter disputed with The Lord earning him the rebuke "Get thee behind me Satan" (vs 23). ("rock of offence" - stumbling stone) **How can we be faithful to our calling and avoid the rebuke of our Lord? R2658 Peter a Stumbling Stone, An Adversary**

4. Peter witnessed the transfiguration with Jesus & the other apostles. He reacted by suggesting that they build 3 tabernacles there. His idea was never responded to but dismissed. Matt 17:1-9 **What is the parallel in our lives? 2 Cor 5:6 R2230 Songs in the House of Our Pilgrimage**

5. Jesus prophesied that the sheep would desert their shepherd. Matt 26:31 Peter disputed that and was told that he would deny The Lord thrice. Shortly afterwards in the Garden of Gethsemane Peter drew a sword to defend Jesus and was subsequently rebuked. John 18:10-11. Later Peter does deny The Lord thrice. Luke 22:54-62 Post resurrection, Peter is asked by Jesus three questions followed by exhortations in John 21:15-19. **What does a word study reveal? Finally Jesus concludes with then follow me. Similarly, what does the Great Shepherd expect from us? R2807 Peter Wisely and Gently Reproved**

6. In Acts 10 is the account of the first Gentile convert, Cornelius. Both Peter and Cornelius have visions which bring them together. Peter gets the right idea, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" Acts 10:34 Upon returning to Jerusalem he is confronted by the Jews. Peter relates his experience and convinces them to accept Gentiles. Acts 11:18 Yet Paul has to confront him when he shows partiality between Jews and Gentiles. Gal 2:7-14 **What does this teach us about following God's will? R5217 God's Sympathy For His People**

Suggested additional reference: The 12 Apostles of the Lamb booklet v 2.0