

THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PETER AFTER THE LORD'S CRUCIFIXION

RESURRECTION MORNING – John 20:1-10

- Mary tells Peter and John that the Lord's body is missing.
- John stops outside the sepulcher, but Peter runs inside, followed by John
- John 20:9, "For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead."
 - Ps. 16:9-10; Matt. 12:40; Luke 18:31-33

THE LORD APPEARED TO PETER PRIVATELY

- Luke 24:33-34; 1 Cor. 15:4-5
 - A private time together to restore Peter to the Lord
 - The intercessory work of the Lord began before Peter sinned. Luke 22:31-32

THE LORD SPOKE TO PETER OPENLY – John 21:14-22

- This was the 3rd time the Lord had appeared to His disciples since His resurrection
- Peter, do you love (agape) me more than the other apostles?
 - Lord, you know that I love (phileo) you.
- Peter, do you love (agape) me?
 - Lord, you know that I love (phileo) you.
- Peter, do you love (phileo) me?
 - Lord, you know all things. You know I love (phileo) you.
- Feed my lambs! Feed my sheep! Feed my sheep!
 - Peter's commission to service...even after his great failure!
- The Lord foretells Peter's death
- Follow me. No matter what others are doing...FOLLOW ME!

What a question! Why would the Lord ask Peter if he loved him more than the other apostles loved him?
Read Matt. 26:31-33

Do you think all these questions in front of everyone else embarrassed Peter?

PETER ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST – Acts 2:14-41

- He spoke boldly. He correctly quoted and applied OT scripture. He condemned Israel (verses 22-23).
- He offered hope to this sinful, guilty people. Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
- Great results. Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Compare Ex. 32:28)

PETER IN THE TEMPLE – Acts 3

- Along with John, raised a man who had been crippled from birth.
- Boldly spoke to all those there.
 - Acts 3:14, "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you."

Peter also denied the Lord. What gave him the right to accuse these people of doing the same thing?
Earlier Peter was so afraid, he denied the Lord three times. Where did all this boldness come from now?

PETER FACING PERSECUTION – Acts 5

- The council and the high priests told the disciples to stop witnessing for Christ.
 - Acts 5:29, "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."
- They were beaten for their continuing witness of Christ.
 - Acts 5:41-42, "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

PETER RAISES TABITHA FROM THE DEAD

- Acts 9:36-43

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PETER TAKES THE GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES

- Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
- Peter tried to correct the Lord. Acts 10:14, "But Peter said, Not so, Lord..."
- He obeyed and Cornelius, an Italian man was saved.

Can you think of another time when Peter tried to correct the Lord? Matt. 16:21-22

PETER MIRACULOUSLY RESCUED FROM PRISON

- Acts 12:1-19

PETER WAS PROMINENT AT THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

- Acts 15:11, "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they."
- The last time Peter is mentioned in the Book of Acts. Attention turns from him to the Apostle Paul.

PETER ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE APOSTLE TO THE JEWS

- Galatians 2:8, "(For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)"

PETER ACKNOWLEDGES PAUL'S WRITINGS AS PART OF SCRIPTURE

- 2 Peter 3:15-16, "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

PETER WRITES TWO EPISTLES

According to history, the apostle Peter died as a martyr by crucifixion in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero. According to legend, he asked to be crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy to be crucified as Jesus had been. Thus Peter fulfilled the words of the Lord to him in John 21:18-19, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God."

Peter's last words to us are 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."