

CLAIM TO FAME



One of Jesus' closest friends, Peter followed Jesus after catching a miraculous number of fish—so many that his nets began to tear. He also walked on water from a boat to Jesus. Two of his letters are in the New Testament.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

At the Last Supper, Peter swore he would lay down his life for Jesus. But later that night, after Jesus was arrested, someone recognized him as one of the disciples—and he denied even knowing Him. Then Peter remembered his earlier promise, and he ran away sobbing.

One night, when the disciples were sailing across the Sea of Galilee, they saw Jesus walking to them on the water. Peter asked Jesus give him the ability to also walk on water. Jesus called Peter to come out of the boat. Peter's faith carried him for several steps, but then he started to sink into the waves. Jesus caught him and brought him into the boat.

PETER

Fisherman, disciple, church leader

His name was originally Simon.

HOMETOWN

Bethsaida, Galilee, Israel

WHERE IS IT NOW?

Northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, Israel

BACKGROUND

Peter and his brother, Andrew, were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee.

They were often at Capernaum, where Peter's wife's mother lived.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, 1 Peter, 2 Peter

Peter's name was actually Simon. Jesus gave him the nickname Peter, or Cephas. Peter means "rock" in Greek, and Cephas means the same in Aramaic. Peter was the first disciple to call Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, and Jesus said this truth was the rock His church would be built on.



PART OF JESUS'
INNER CIRCLE

One day at the temple, Peter and his friend John saw a man who couldn't walk. He asked them for money. Peter said he would give the man something better than silver or gold: Peter took his hand, and the man was healed! He jumped up and started praising God.

After Jesus returned to heaven, He sent Peter a vision. Peter was to give non-Jews the chance to become Christians too. He went to the house of a Roman centurion and shared the good news of Jesus with him and his family, and the Holy Spirit filled them all. Peter and the whole church learned that Jesus is the Savior for all people, not just for Jewish people.

When Jesus rose from the dead, the women who saw Him reported the miraculous news to the disciples. Peter ran to the tomb and went inside. He was so excited that he wanted to see for himself.

