From Simon to Peter
“Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ”

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Son of Jonas, from family of fishermen who lived in Bethsaida and later in Capernaum

Named ____________ (_______) (Matthew 4:18, Mark 3:16, John 1:42)

Renamed ____________ (_______) by ____________ (Mark 3:16, Luke 6:14, John 1:42)
From then on often called by both names, including 2 Peter 1:1
__________ written about Peter in the gospels than any person other than __________

Brought to the Lord by his brother Andrew early in Christ’s ministry
(John 1:40-42, Matthew 4:18-20, Mark 1:16-17)

Called by Jesus to be one of His twelve apostles

Described as immediately following the Lord (Matthew 4:20, Mark 1:18),
leaving everything to follow Him (Luke 5:11)

Told by Jesus he would be a fisher/catcher of men (Mark 1:17, Luke 5:10)

The __________ among Christ’s apostles; placed __________ in each list of the apostles

Witnessed ____________ of Christ’s public ministry and heard ____________ of his teachings (II Peter 1:16-18)—
The miracles (calming of the storm, resurrections, healings, including his mother-in-law
in his home [Matt. 8:14-17], healings from demon-possession, feeding of the 5000)
Christ’s teaching, parables, prophecies, rebuking of the Pharisees
The last supper (sent ahead with John to prepare the Passover—Luke 22:7-13), Jesus
washing the disciples’ feet (John 13:6-10), the betrayal (John 18:1-11), trial and
 crucifixion (Mark 15:54, Luke 23:49), the empty tomb and the resurrected Lord

__________ lessons
Healing of Jairus’s daughter (Mark 5:37-43)
Walking on the water (Matthew 14:22-33)
His rebuke of the Lord and the Lord’s response to him (Matthew 16:21-23)
Lesson of the temple tax (Matthew 17:24-26) and the withered fig tree (Mk 11:20-25)
Parable of the unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:21-35)
Jesus washing his feet (John 13:6-9)
In Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37, Mark 14:32-42)
At the betrayal (John 18:10-11)

Spokesman for the apostles
At times self-appointed (Matthew 16:22, 17:4, 26:33-35)
At one crucial time, _______ (Matthew 26:70, Mark 14:68, Luke 22:57, John 18:17)
Choosing of Matthias to replace Judas (Acts 1:15-22)
Proclaiming to the church that salvation is for the Samaritans also (Acts 11:1-18)
The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-11)

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A leader for the risen and ascended Lord
Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36)
Sermon at the temple (Acts 3:11-26)
Bold preaching & testimony before the Council, prayer for boldness (Acts 4:1-31; 5:42)
Used of God with Philip & John to preach the gospel to the Samaritans (Acts 8)
Used of God to open the door of the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 10) and to lead the
believers in Jerusalem to accept this and give glory to God (Acts 11:1-18)
Used of God with James at the Jerusalem Council to settle the debate over Gentile
conformity to the “custom of Moses” for salvation (Acts 15)
Miracles of Acts 3-9: lame beggar healed, “many signs and wonders” (5:12-16),
Aeneas healed (9:32-35), Dorcas raised from the dead (9:36-43),

Married, accompanied by his wife in ministry (Mark 1:29-31, I Cor. 9:5)


Church history records that Peter had to watch as his wife was crucified
His words to her: “Remember the Lord.”

Church history records the fulfillment of Christ’s prediction that Peter would die for his
faith in Him (John 13:36-37, John 21:18-19)
Peter was crucified in AD 67-68
He reportedly said, “I am not worthy to be crucified like the Lord,” and he requested
to be, and was, crucified upside down.
PRIVATE LESSONS

John 1:41-42
He [Andrew] first found his own brother Simon and said to him, We have found the Messiah (which is called Christ).” He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter).”

Mark 1:16-18
Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Peter: “See, we have left everything and followed you.
(Matthew 19:27—Peter adds, “What then will we have?”)
Jesus: “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first shall be last, and the last first.”

Luke 5:8-11
When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken . . . and Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

Matthew 14:28
Peter: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
Jesus: “Come.”
Peter: “Lord, save me.”
Jesus: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 16:13-20 (Mark 8:27-30)
Jesus: “Who do people say the Son of Man is? . . . Who do you say that I am?”
Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Jesus: “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:21-23
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.
Peter: “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you!”
Jesus: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
Matthew 17:4 (Mark 9:5)
Peter: “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”
God: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.”

Matthew 18:21-22
Peter: “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”
Jesus: “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.”

John 6:66-68
After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of Israel .”

Jesus: “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.”

John 13:1-11
Peter: “Lord, do YOU, wash MY feet?” “YOU shall never wash MY feet.” (emphatic pronouns)
Jesus: “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”
Peter: “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

Matthew 26:36-46 (Mark 14:32-42)
Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane . . . And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled . . . And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak .”

John 18:10-11
Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword in its sheath. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

Jesus: “You will all fall away because of me this night.”
Peter: “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”
Jesus: “I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”
Peter: “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!”
Peter: “I do not know what you mean! I do not know the man. I do not know the man.”

John 21:15-17

Jesus: “_________ son of John, do you ____________________?”
Peter: “Yes, Lord. You _______ that I _________ you.”

Jesus: “_________ my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you ___________?”
Peter: “Yes, Lord. You know that I _________ you.”

Jesus: “_________ my ___________.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you ___________?”
Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?”
Peter: “Lord, you ___________________. You know that I love you.”

Jesus: “_________ my sheep.