

LIFE OF  
PETER

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### Course Goals

- To understand the scope and source of Peter's character transformation
- To imitate Peter's growth in Christ-like character
- To prepare to defend a scriptural view of Peter's role and authority in the early church

### Schedule of Lessons

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson</b>
Sunday, Sept 20	1 – Meeting the Master
Wednesday, Sept 23	2 – A Weekend with Jesus
Sunday, Sept 27	3 – Peter Among the Apostles
Wednesday, Sept 30	4 – Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do
Sunday, Oct 4	5 – Peter at the Transfiguration
Wednesday, Oct 7	6 – The Last Supper and Crucifixion
Sunday, Oct 11	7 – Begotten Again by the Resurrection
Wednesday, Oct 14	8 – Using the Keys to the Kingdom
Sunday, Oct 18	9 – Confronting the Jewish Leadership
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 – Preaching in Judea and Samaria
Sunday, Oct 25	11 – Preaching to Gentiles
Wednesday, Oct 28	12 – Peter's Sufferings
Sunday, Nov 1	13 – Peter on Suffering and False Teaching

Lesson 5  
**Peter at the Transfiguration**

**Objectives**

- Name the prophecies and cultural expectations that colored the apostles' interpretation of the Transfiguration
- Explain why Jesus paid the Temple tax

**Text Questions**

1. The Transfiguration, **Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36**
  - a. According to Luke, for what purpose did Jesus go up into the mountain?
  - b. What circumstances may have made this especially needful for Him at this point?
  - c. Whom did Jesus take with Him?
  - d. What change took place in Jesus?
  - e. According to Luke, what were Peter and the other two doing when this change took place?
  - f. Who appeared in glory with Jesus?
  - g. What were they discussing with Jesus?
  - h. How had Peter reacted when Jesus attempted to discuss this with him and the other apostles?
  - i. What are some significant things about the two men who appeared in glory with Jesus that might account for their being chosen for this great honor?
  - j. What did Peter propose?
    - i. Why did he say this (**Mark 9:6; Luke 9:33**)?
  - k. What effect did this have on the conference between Jesus and His guests?
  - l. What did the voice from heaven say?
  - m. How did the disciples respond to the voice?
  - n. How did Jesus comfort them?
  - o. What instructions did Jesus give them concerning the vision?
  - p. What question did this event raise in the minds of the disciples?
    - i. What Old Testament scripture would lead them to ask this question?
  - q. How did Jesus answer the question?

- r. How does **Luke 1:17** help to explain Jesus' answer?
2. Peter's Later Reference to the Transfiguration, **2 Peter 1:16-19**
    - a. What does Peter deny about the nature of his reports concerning the power and coming of Christ?
    - b. What does he affirm in v.16?
    - c. From what source did the voice come?
    - d. Where did Peter say he heard the voice?
    - e. What is prophecy for us when we take heed to it?
  3. The Shekel in the Fish's Mouth, **Matthew 17:24-27**
    - a. Where did this event take place?
    - b. What question was Peter asked concerning Jesus?
    - c. According to **Exodus 30:11-16**, what was the purpose of this tax?
    - d. What question did Jesus ask Peter?
    - e. What application did this have to this situation?
    - f. Why did Jesus arrange for the tax to be paid anyway?
    - g. How was the tax paid? For whom was it paid?

### Thought Questions

1. What are some ways that we, like Peter, James, and John, let cultural norms and expectations influence our understanding of God's instructions?
2. What lessons should we learn from the words spoken by the voice from Heaven during the Transfiguration? Consider also **2 Peter 1:16-19**.
3. What should Jesus' payment of the Temple tax teach us about our "rights"?