

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 6  
**The Last Supper and Trials**

**Objectives**

- Identify at least 3 mistakes Peter makes during the last day of Jesus' life
- Find at least 3 passages in 1 Peter that demonstrate what Peter learned about suffering from his experiences on this day

**Introductory Notes**

A period of approximately 9 months separates the transfiguration from the crucifixion. After the transfiguration, Jesus and His disciples made a very deliberate journey toward Jerusalem, teaching and healing along the way. After the triumphal entry on Sunday before the last Passover, events moved rapidly toward the cross. The events of this lesson cover approximately 12 hours (6pm to 6am) of the night before.

**Text Questions**

1. Peter at the Last Supper, **John 13:1-11**
  - a. What had the devil already put into the heart of Judas?
  - b. What three things did Jesus know (vs. 3)?
  - c. What did Jesus do for His disciples?
  - d. What do you think was Peter's reason for refusing to allow Jesus to wash his feet?
  - e. How did Peter show his eagerness for a "part with" Jesus?
  
2. Peter's Commitment, **Mark 14:27-31**
  - a. What prophecy did Jesus quote?
  - b. What commitment did Peter make?
  - c. What did Jesus predict?
  - d. How did Peter react to these words of Jesus?
  
3. Peter in the Garden, **Mark 14:32-42**
  - a. What three apostles did Jesus take farthest with Him into the garden?
  - b. What did Jesus say to them?
  - c. What did He do when He had left them and gone a little farther?
  - d. When Jesus returned what did He find them doing?
  - e. Whom did Jesus especially address and what did He say to him?
  - f. Did His rebuke accomplish any change in their actions?

4. Peter and the Arrest, **John 18:2-12**

- a. What did the soldiers and officers have with them when they came to arrest Jesus?
- b. How did Jesus show His willingness to be arrested?
- c. How did Peter attempt to make good on his promise to go with Jesus even to death?
- d. What did Jesus say to Peter?

5. Peter in the High Priest's Courtyard, **Mark 14:33-54, 66-72**

- a. According to John 18:15-16, how did Peter get into the priest's house?
- b. With whom was Peter associating in the courtyard?
- c. What reasons can you give for Peter's denials?
- d. How did Peter reinforce his denial of Jesus?
- e. What caused Peter to realize what he was doing? What additional prompt does Luke record in **Luke 22:61**?
- f. How did Peter react when he realized what he had done?

### Thought Questions

1. List some mistakes Peter makes during this 12-hour period. What motivates each of these actions? What should we learn from Peter's struggles to do the right thing?
  
2. Try to put yourself in Peter's place in **John 18:10-11**. How would you feel if Jesus rebuked you for doing what you thought to be the best and only thing to do? What lessons should we apply from this to our own decision-making processes?