

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

Date	Lesson
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 7

Begotten Again by the Resurrection**Objectives**

- Name 3 men who received personal visits from the risen Lord
- Describe the appearances of the risen Lord to Peter

Introductory Notes

The hours following Peter's denial must have been the most difficult of his life. Jesus was crucified and Peter must have been crushed by the thought that the last words Jesus heard him say were words of denial, even though he had boasted that he would go with Him to death. But in **1 Peter 1:2**, Peter tells of the change that the resurrection created: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Text Questions

1. Resurrection Day, **John 20:1-10**
 - a. What surprise did Mary find at the tomb?
 - b. Whom did she go to tell? From **Mark 16:5-7**, tell why she did this.
 - c. Contrast Peter and John in their approach to the tomb and their action on arrival.
 - d. Where did the two go when they left the tomb?
 - e. When the men on the road to Emmaus returned to the apostles in Luke 24:34, to whom had Jesus appeared?
2. By the Sea of Galilee, **John 21:1-23**
 - a. What would account for the apostles' return to Galilee (**Mark 14:28** and **16:7**)?
 - b. How many were together?
 - c. What were the circumstances under which they saw Jesus?
 - d. Who first recognized Jesus? What did Peter do?
 - e. How certain were they of the identify of Jesus when they got to the shore and were near Him?
 - f. What question did Jesus ask Peter?
 - g. How many times was the question asked? How did Peter answer?

- h. What three things did Jesus tell Peter to do?
- i. What kind of death did Jesus predict for Peter?
- j. About whom did Peter ask? What was the reply of Jesus?

3. The Ascension, **Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-14**

- a. Over how long a period did Jesus show Himself alive to His apostles?
- b. From what place did He ascend?
- c. Where did He tell them to remain?
- d. What did Jesus promise the apostles within a few days?
- e. What did the two men in white apparel promise?
- f. Where did the apostles stay in Jerusalem?
- g. With whom did they continue in prayer and supplication?
- h. According to Luke, in what place were they continually praising and blessing God?
- i. Who led in selecting a successor for Judas (**Acts 1:15-26**)?

Thought Questions

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**. Which three men received personal visits from the risen Lord? What are some reasons these three men might have been given such a wonderful privilege?

2. What similarities do you find between Jesus' commission to Peter in **John 21:15-17** and Peter's exhortation to elders in **1 Peter 5:2-3**? What qualities of leadership does Peter add, and where did he learn these qualities?

3. How does Jesus conclude Peter's recommissioning in **John 21:19**? What impact do you think those words would have had on Peter?