

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 8  
**Using the Keys to the Kingdom**

**Objectives**

- List the four main points of Peter's sermon in Acts 2 and his proofs for each
- Explain what the keys of the kingdom are, and who used them

**Text Questions**

1. From **Matthew 16:13-20**, answer the following review questions:
  - a. Upon what rock was the church to be built?
  - b. Who was to build it? Whose was it to be?
  - c. Who was to have the keys to open it?
  - d. What was to be its form of government: democracy, republic or monarchy?
  - e. Who was to speak on earth what was spoken in heaven (see also **Matthew 18:18**)?
2. The church could not be built until three things were accomplished:
  - a. The truth of Jesus' Divine Sonship (the rock) was proved beyond doubt
  - b. The king was crowned
  - c. Christ's spokesmen were enabled to speak on earth what was spoken in heaven
    - i. How was this to be accomplished, **John 16:12-15**?
3. When was:
  - a. The truth of Jesus's Sonship proved, **Romans 1:4**?
  - b. Jesus crowned king, **Daniel 7:13,14**?
4. The Coming of the Spirit, **Acts 2:1-13**
  - a. Who are the "they" of v.1?
  - b. What accompanied the coming of the Spirit?
  - c. By what power did the apostles begin to speak, v.4?
  - d. What proves that the tongues in which they spoke were actual languages?
  - e. While most were amazed and marveled, what explanation did some offer?
5. Peter's Sermon, **Acts 2:14-36**
  - a. How did Peter disprove the proposed explanation of v.13?
  - b. How did Peter explain the phenomenon?
  - c. Having gained their attention, what four things did he say about Jesus (vv.22-24)?

- d. Which of these things did Peter need to prove?
  - e. What four pieces of evidence did he offer?
    - i. vv.25-31
    - ii. v.32
    - iii. v.33
    - iv. v.34
  - f. Where did Peter say Jesus had gone?
  - g. What conclusion did Peter draw (v.36)?
6. The Response, **Acts 2:37-47**
- a. What question was asked by those who believed Peter?
  - b. What was Peter's answer?
  - c. When they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, what were they acknowledging?
  - d. Who added them together (vv.41,47)? Who was building the church?

### Thought Questions

1. What action in Acts 1-2 do you think constitutes using the "keys of the kingdom"? What special privileges did using the keys confer upon the user?
2. Where do you think Peter learned all these Old Testament passages that demonstrate Jesus' divinity and messiahship? Is it simply the Holy Spirit speaking through him? What other factors might be involved?
3. When has Peter previously shown great boldness in defending Christ? What makes this occasion similar? What makes it different?