

Who Is Peter?

Family	Occupation	Personality
<p>Where he lived</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bethsaida - north of Sea of Galilee (Jn 1:44) - Moved to Capernaum (Mk1:21, 29) <p>Father</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - name was Jonah or John (Mt 16:17; Jn 1:42) <p>Brother</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew (Mt 1:16) - Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist (Jn 1:35, 40) - Late became a follower of Jesus (Jn 1:41) - Listed as one of the disciples <p>Married</p> <p>Mk 1:30; I Cor 9:5</p> <p>No mention of children</p> <p>Name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - given name was Simon (Mk 1:16; II Peter 1:1) - Jesus renamed him Peter (Petros) = little rock (Mt 16:18; Mk 3:16) - Arabic form - Cephas (Jn 1:42; I Cor 1:12) 	<p>Fisherman</p> <p>Family may have been partners with James and John and their father Zebedee (Lk 5:10)</p> <p>Disciple of Jesus</p> <p>Briefly returned to fishing after Jesus' death (Jn 21:1-11)</p>	<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dedicated followers but quite impulsive (Mt 16:13-18; Jn 13:4-11) - Attempted acts of faith but often failed (walking on the water - Mt 14:28-31; pray with Jesus in the Garden - Mt 26:38-46; denying of Jesus - Mt 26:31-35) - He was brave and willing to die (Mt 26:51-52) - Jesus addresses him as a discredited leader of the group in Jn 21 and He provided an opportunity to repent and restore that leadership <p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - impulsive (Mt 26:51-52; Jn 18:10-11) - Had a tendency toward Jewish legalism 1) eating with Gentiles (Gal 2:11-21) 2) Food Laws (Acts 10:9-16) - Didn't understand Jesus' radical new teachings (Mk 9:5-6; Jn 13:6-11; 18:10-11) - Severely chastised by Jesus (Mk 8:31-33; Mt 16:23) - Found sleeping instead of praying (Mk 14:32-43) - Denying Jesus (Mk 14:66-72)

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Leadership	Ministry	Death
<p>He is always listed first on the list of disciples/apostles (Mt 10:2-4; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13)</p> <p>Often the spokesmen for the apostles (Mt 16:13-20; Mk 8:27-30; Lk 9:18-21)</p> <p>Never assumed top apostle - argument about the greatest (Mt 20:20-28; Mk 10:35-45)</p> <p>He was not the leader of the church in Jerusalem - James - Jesus' half-brother (Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Gal 2:9)</p>	<p>Powerful presence after Jesus' resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - led in the election of Judas's replacement (Acts 1:15-26) - Preached the first sermon on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) - Healed the lame man (Acts 3:1-10) - Preached the 2nd recorded sermon (Acts 3:11-26) - Spoke boldly before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4) - Presided over church discipline with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) - Spoke at the Jerusalem council (Acts 15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - little information about his death - Jn 21 - Jesus foretells of Peter dying with hands stretched out (Crucifixion) <p>Early church traditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clement of Rome (wrote in 95 AD) - Tertullian (150-222 AD) - Clement of Alexandria (200 AD) - Origen (252 AD)