

Jesus Calls Peter to Follow Him

Matthew 4



Peter Understands the Importance of the Calling

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Matt 4: **18**As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19**“Come, follow me,”** Jesus said, **“and I will make you fishers of men.”**

20**At once** they left their nets and followed him.

21Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

22and **immediately** they left the boat and their father and followed him.

His Earlier Encounter with Jesus

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

John 1: **35** The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. **36** When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. **38** Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “**What do you want?**”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

39 “**Come,**” he replied, “**and you will see.**”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “**We have found the Messiah**” (that is, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

He is the Only One in the History

Jesus Walks on Water

Matt 14: 22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. **23** After He had dismissed them, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, **24** but the boat was already far from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. **26** When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus spoke up at once: “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”

28 “Lord, if it is You,” Peter replied, “command me to come to You on the water.”

29 “Come,” said Jesus.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and took hold of Peter. “You of little faith,” He said, “why did you doubt?”

32 And when they had climbed back into the boat, the wind died down. **33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God!”

He is Going Nowhere

Peter's Confession of Faith

John 6: **66** From that time on many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

67 So Jesus asked the Twelve, “**Do you want to leave too?**”

68 Simon Peter replied, “***Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life.***

69 We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.”

God's Kingdom's Door/Keys are Entrusted to Peter

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

Matt 16: **13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Peter Resumes the Role

Jesus Reinstates Peter

John 21: **15** When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

16 Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

17 The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Kingdom Comes with His Preaching

Peter Addresses the Crowd

Act 2:**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about **three thousand were added to their number that day.**

Peter Welcomes the Samaritans

Philip in Samaria

Acts 8: **4**Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. **5**Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. **6**When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. **7**For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. **8**So there was great joy in that city...

14When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. **15**When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16**because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17**Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Through Peter Gentiles Enter the Kingdom

Peter at Cornelius's House

Acts 10:23 The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. **24**The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25**As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. **26**But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

27While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. **28**He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. **29**So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"...

44While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. **45**The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. **46**For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, **47**"Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." **48**So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.