

# Supplementary - Answers for Session 2

## Key events in the Life of Peter

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The events of Peter's life are taken as far as possible from The Gospel of Mark, which tradition ascribes to Mark the companion of Peter ( 1 Peter 5:13) . Other gospels are indicated which throw additional light on the event.

There are no right answers: just indications of what may have influenced Peter in writing his letter. You may have found more and even different answers.

### **Jesus calls Simon Peter:** Mark 1:16-18

1 Peter 2:9

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light*

### **Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law:** Mark 1:29-31

NB. Peter's wife accompanied him. See 1 Corinthians 9:5

1 Peter 3:7

*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life*

### **Simon nicknamed Rock by Jesus and made an Apostle:** Mark 3:13-16

NB. It seems Jesus often gave nicknames to his followers. Simon he nicknamed Rock- *Cephas* in Aramaic, *Petra* in Greek. (More about rocks and stones in session 4.)

1 Peter 1:1

*Peter (Rock) an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

### **Walking on water:** Mark 6:45-51 see also Matthew 14:22-33

1 Peter 1:6&7

*for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith*

### **Peter's Confession that Jesus is the Christ:** Mark 8:27-30

1Peter 1:3

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

### **Peter (Rock) becomes a stumbling rock/ block for Jesus:** Mark 8:31-33

see also Matthew 16:21-23. (More about stumbling blocks in session 4.)

1 Peter 2:8

*A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall."*  
*They stumble because they disobey the message*

**The Transfiguration:** Mark 9:2-8

1 Peter 1:10-11

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.*

**Jesus predicts Peter's denial:** Mark 14:27-31

1 Peter 5:8

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

**The Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane:** Mark 14:32-42

1 Peter 4:7

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.*

**Peter's knife crime:** Mark 14:43-50 see also John 18:10-11

NB most translations say Peter had a sword? The NT Greek is *Machaira* from which we get machete. Literally a short sword or dagger. Peter probably had a knife for gutting fish, chopping wood and personal protection etc.

1 Peter 3:9

*Do not repay evil with evil*

**Peter denies Jesus:** Mark 14:66-72

1 Peter 3:15

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

**Peter a witness to the resurrection:** see Luke 24:30-35 & 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

1 Peter 3:18

*Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*

**Jesus restores and reinstates Peter:** see John 21:1-19

1 Peter 5:2

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;*