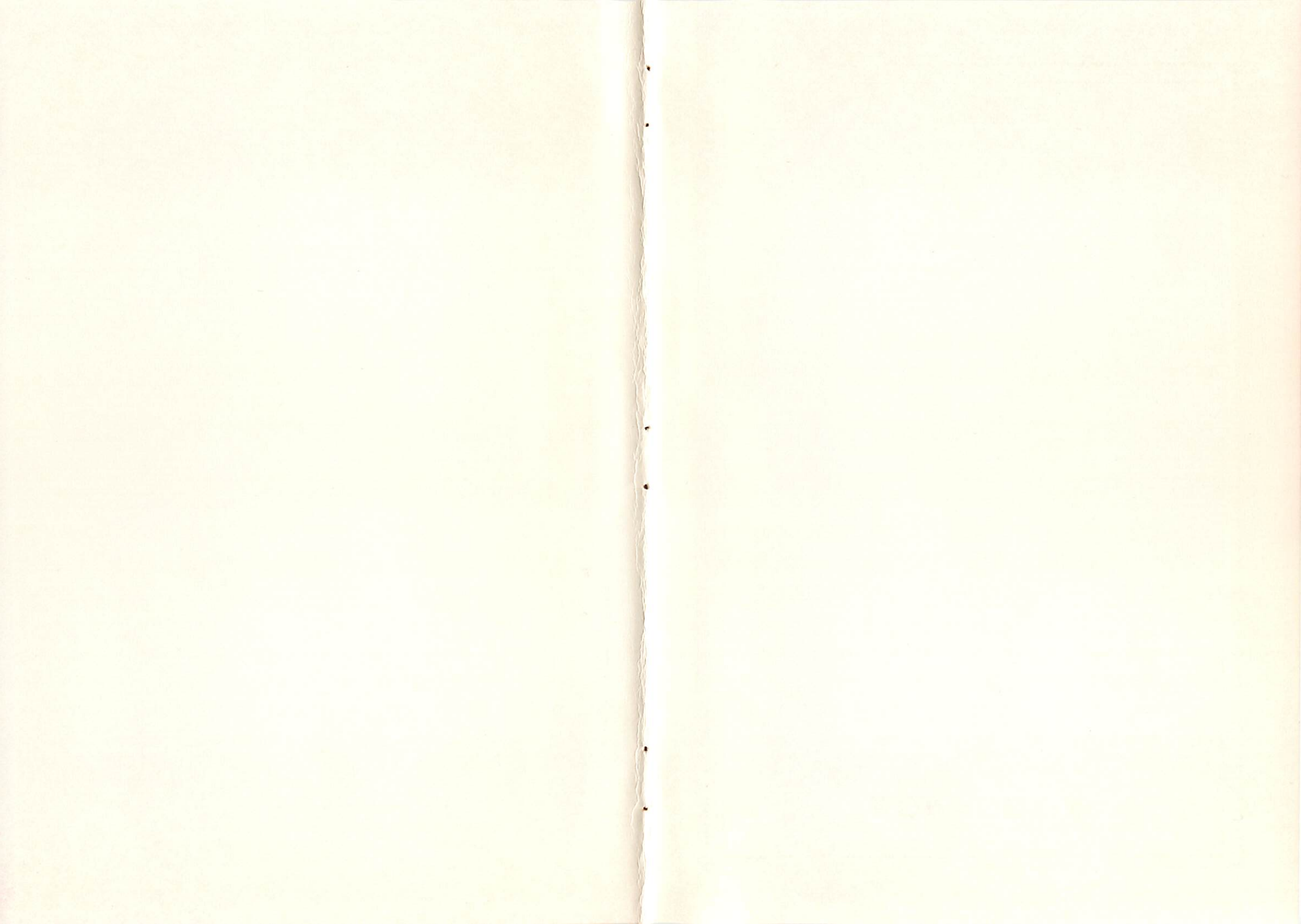




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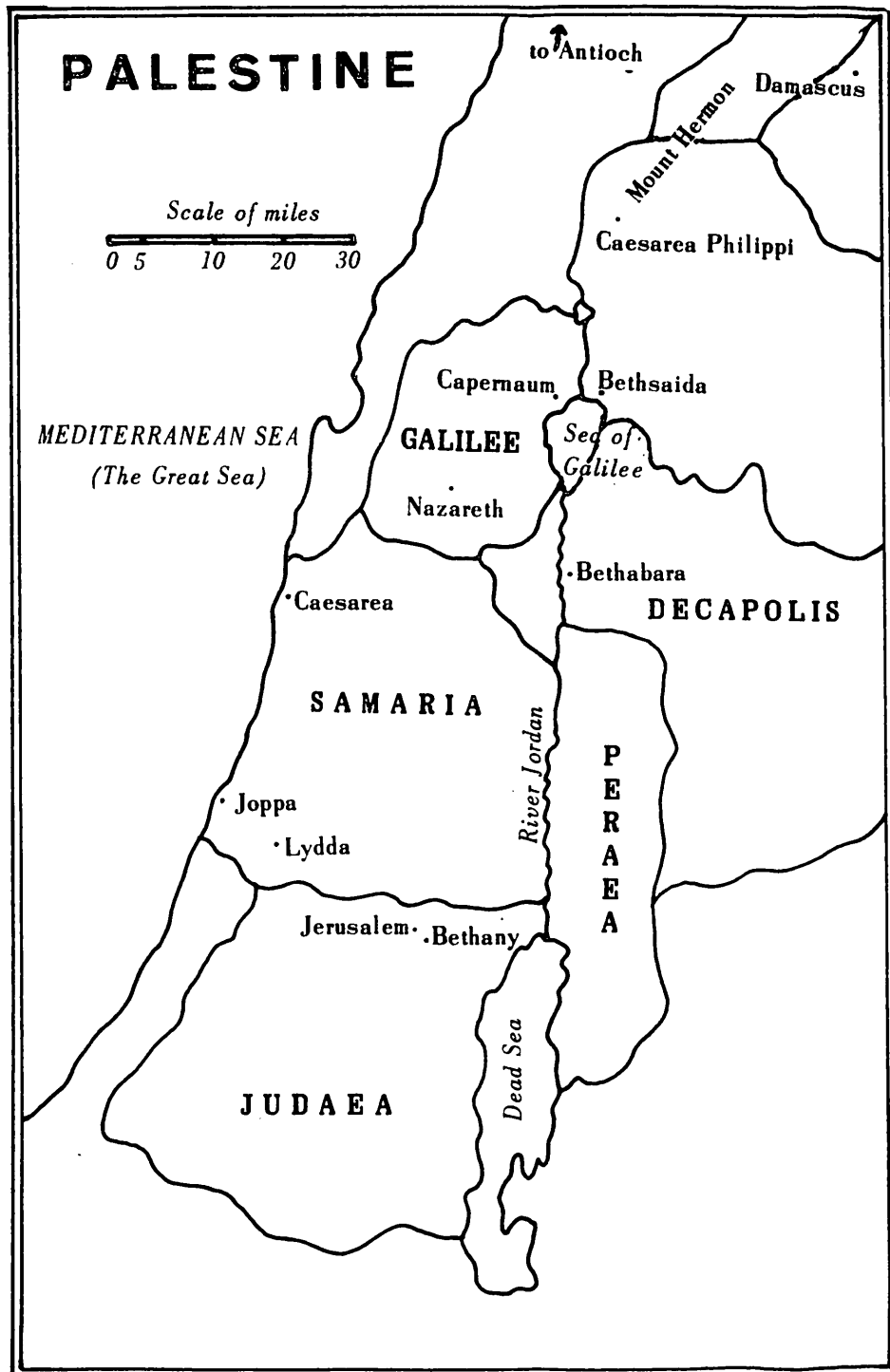
I N T R O D U C T I O N

The "Life of Peter" is presented for the purpose of helping the student to become better acquainted with one of the truly great men of the New Testament. If studied prayerfully, we believe it will lead to a better understanding of the nature of man and of God's ability to help each of us rise above this weakness, through faith in His Son.

This workbook is based on the Authorized King James version of the Bible, and it should be used as text for the study. We have not attempted to cover every event in the life of Peter, but only those where his name is specifically mentioned and where the incident seems to have significant influence on his life to warrant its consideration.

The study should be entered with enthusiasm and the expectation that much enlightenment will be gained which will apply to one's own life. We feel that we have come to a better personal understanding of Peter and his Lord from having prepared this study. It is our sincere prayer that each student and teacher may share this feeling with us when he has finished this series of lessons.

The Authors



TO THE TEACHER

As any study of God's Word, "The Life of Peter" must be taught with the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit if it is to be effective. It would be good if each of us, as Bible teachers, would ask the Lord to do for us what He did for Peter and the other apostles: "Open our understanding of the Scriptures".

It is up to you to make this study come alive in the classroom. It is not divided into a given number of lessons, but left to the discretion of the teacher. We suggest that you do not use class time to read the lesson from the Bible, but assume that each student has done this prior to class. The teacher should tell the story of the lesson in such a manner that the students can actually visualize each event. After the lesson has been taught and possibly discussed thoroughly, the questions in this workbook should be answered.

There is a map of Palestine in the back of this book. You may do as you please about using it, but we feel that the more familiar the student becomes with Bible lands, the easier it will be to retain the things learned. A big map similar to the one in the book would be helpful in class. It could be made on a sheet of poster paper and serve quite well.

You will find three lists of quotations from the study on pages 12, 25, and 41. These are meant to serve as a review. They should be answered from memory as much as possible. You might wish to look ahead and then stress them in your teaching as you go along. This will be a good test as to how well your students are listening and/or how well you are teaching.

If we can be of any help to you, feel free to let us know. May God richly bless your efforts and may the Holy Spirit illuminate your teaching so that it will become a milestone in the Christian education of your students.

The Authors

24. Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized?

25. Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto
 life.

26. Arise up quickly.

27. Thou art mad.

28. Now, therefore, why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the
 neck of the disciples?

29. When Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him to the face.

30. Why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

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AUTHOR'S COMMENT - In order to put the finishing touch on this study, we highly recommend that each of you read the first and second epistles of Peter. They reveal a strong and stable Peter which was a result of the events and teachings which we have studied.

I trust that each student of, "The Life of Peter" will go forward to an enlarged Christian life which will show fervent zeal, worthy of a student of Peter himself.

If anyone is reading this who has not been saved, my sincere prayer is that they might repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Peter so ably preached.

12. Why hast Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?
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13. Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words
of this life.
14. We ought to obey God rather than men.
15. If this council or this work be of men, it will come to naught.
.....
16. We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the min-
istry of the word.
17. Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands,
he may receive the Holy Ghost.
18. Thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
19. I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him
fifteen days.
20. Tabitha, arise.
21. Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial be-
fore God.
22. Rise, Peter, kill and eat.
23. Stand up; I myself also am a man.

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QUOTATIONS

Give the following information about the quotations below: (1) *who was talking*, (2) *to whom he was talking*, and (3) *under what circumstance*.

1. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
.....
2. Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
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3. Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with
power from on high.
.....
4. Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew
whether of these two thou hast chosen.
.....
5. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
.....
6. Repent and be baptized every one of you.
.....
7. Look on us.
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8. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
.....
9. Repent ye, therefore, and be converted.
.....
10. By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
.....
11. Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may
speak thy word.

15. Was it hard for the people gathered here to believe it was really Peter at the door?
16. After he told them to relate these things to James and the other apostles, did he depart from them?
17. What did Herod do to the guards who had allowed Peter to escape?

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PETER ATTENDS COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM

(Acts 15:5-11; Gal. 2:11-14)

1. What were the Pharisees saying a person must do to be saved?
2. Who came together to consider this matter?
3. After much disputing, did Peter explain that the Gentiles as well as the Jews are saved by the grace of God and not by circumcision or the keeping of the law of Moses?
4. Later, in Antioch, did Peter weaken some in the example he set for the people on this subject?

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BACKGROUND OF PETER

1. Was Peter a Jew? (Gal. 2:14)
2. Who was Peter's father? (John 21:15)
3. What was the name of Peter's brother? (John 1:40)
4. Was Peter a married man? (Matt. 8:14)
5. Where was Peter's home, originally? (John 1:44)
6. Where was his home later? (Mark 1:21-29)
7. What was his occupation? (Matt. 4:18)
8. Who were his partners in business? (Luke 5:10)
9. Does it seem likely that Peter's formal education was limited? (Acts 4:13)

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PETER FOLLOWS JESUS

(John 1:28-42)

1. Where was John the Baptist baptizing at this time?
2. What did John say when he saw Jesus?
3. Did God let John know that this was His own son?
4. Did John tell two of his disciples that this was Jesus?
5. What did these two disciples do?
6. What did Jesus ask them when He saw they were following Him?

7. What was their reply?
8. Did they continue to follow Him?
9. How long did they stay with Him?
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10. Who was one of the two who followed Jesus?*
11. Whom did Andrew tell about Jesus?
12. What is the interpretation of Cephas? **

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Even though we are studying Simon Peter, we should notice the actions of Andrew, his brother. As soon as he found the Lord, he went and found his brother and carried him to Jesus. After we are saved, we should earnestly strive to lead others to the Lord.

* It is generally assumed that the apostle John, who is doing the writing of this gospel, was the other one of the two.

** Peter is the Greek translation of the name Cephas. Both names mean a rock.

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THE CALL TO BECOME A FISHER OF MEN

(Matt. 4:18-20)

1. Who did Jesus see as He was walking by the Sea of Galilee?
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2. Was the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum, Peter's home? (refer to map in back of this book)
3. What were Peter and Andrew doing?
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4. What did Jesus say to them?
-
5. Did they do as He said?

4. After they heard this, what did they say?
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(The following answers will be found in Acts 12:1-19)

5. When King Herod* began to vex the disciples, what did he do to James, the brother of John?
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6. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, what did he do to Peter?
7. How many soldiers did he put in charge of Peter? **
-
8. When did Herod intend to bring Peter forth to the people?
-
9. What was the Church doing while Peter was in prison?
-
10. How was Peter sleeping the night before Herod was to bring him forth?
-
11. What did the angel who appeared say to Peter?
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12. Could Peter believe this was really happening at first?
13. When the angel had led Peter to safety, did he leave him?
-
14. When Peter realized what had really happened, where did he go?

* Herod Agrippa I.

** A quaternion is four.

18. After Peter understood why he had been brought here and that he was no longer to regard the Gentile* people as unclean, did he preach to them?
19. What happened to the people while Peter spoke?
20. Were the Jews who were present astonished that Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost?
21. What was Peter's question concerning their baptism?
22. Did Peter or the other Jews have any right to refuse baptism to these people?
23. Did Peter command them to be baptized?

* Gentiles — In the Bible, anyone who is not a Jew is considered a Gentile. The Jews had been taught that the Gentile people were unclean and they were to have nothing to do with them.

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PETER IS IMPRISONED

(Acts 11:1-18; Acts 12:1-19)

1. Did the disciples in Judea hear what Peter had done?
2. What did the Jews* accuse Peter of doing?
3. Did Peter tell them the whole story about the visit to Cornelius?

* Jews are referred to as circumcision and the Gentiles as uncircumcised.

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Peter and Andrew did not put up an argument or ask for time to get their affairs in order before following Jesus, but followed him immediately. God's cause could be advanced greatly if Christians of today would accept the fact that when God calls us to do something, the time is right then and we should follow Him straightway, forsaking whatever must be forsaken in order to do so.

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PETER FORSAKES ALL TO FOLLOW JESUS

(Luke 5:1-11)

1. Where was Jesus standing when the people crowded in to hear the word of God?
2. What did He see standing by the lake?
3. Whose ship did Jesus enter?
4. What did He ask Simon to do?
5. Did Jesus then teach the people from the ship?
6. What did Jesus say to Simon Peter after He had finished speaking?
7. Had the fishermen caught any fish the previous night?
8. Did Peter do as he was told, nevertheless?
9. What happened when they let down their nets this time?
10. Did their partners come to their aid?
11. Did this extraordinary occurrence make Peter feel very humble before Jesus?

12. Who were Peter's partners who had come to assist them with the fish?
13. What did Jesus say to Simon Peter?
14. What did Peter do when they had brought the ships to land?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - The Lord called Peter to follow Him from this time forth - a full life in the work of bringing souls to Christ. There is no greater calling on earth than to be called for the full time service of God. Let us pray that those who receive this calling may do as Peter did - forsake all and follow Jesus.

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PETER'S HOUSE GUEST

(Luke 4:38-40)

1. When Jesus left the synagogue, where did He go?
2. What was wrong with Peter's mother-in-law?
3. What did she do after Jesus healed her?
4. What did Jesus do after sun set that day?

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7. What did Peter see in the vessel which was lowered down to him?
8. What did the voice say which came to him?
9. Thinking of the Old Testament law concerning clean and unclean animals, what was Peter's reply?
10. What did the voice reply?
11. How many times was this done before the vessel disappeared?
12. While Peter was trying to understand what the vision meant, who came to the door of the house?
13. Who told Peter that three men were seeking him?
14. After the Spirit told Peter to go down and go with them, doubting nothing, what did Peter say to the men?
15. Did Peter go with them the next day?
16. Who was waiting for them at the house of Cornelius?
17. When Cornelius fell at Peter's feet and worshipped him, what did Peter say?

10. What happened in Joppa which caused the disciples to send to Lydda for Peter? (Acts 9:36-38)
11. When Peter arrived in Joppa, what did he do? (Acts 9:39-41)
12. Did this miracle also cause many people to believe? (Acts 9: 42)
13. With whom did Peter stay while in Joppa? (Acts 9:43)

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PETER PREACHES TO GENTILES

(Acts 10)

1. What kind of man was Cornelius, the centurian in Caesarea?
2. Who appeared to Cornelius in a vision?
3. What did the angel tell him to do?
4. Did he send to Joppa for Peter?
5. As these men were on their way to Joppa the next day, what did Peter do about the sixth hour?
6. What happened to him while he was waiting for his midday meal?

PETER WITNESSES TWO MIRACLES

(Luke 8:40-56)

1. Was Jesus being received well by the people at this time?
2. What did Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, ask Jesus to do?
3. Did the crowd press around Jesus as he went?
4. What did the woman with the issue of blood do?
5. Was she healed?
6. What did Jesus say?
7. When the people denied that they had touched Him, what did Peter and the others say?
8. How did Jesus say that He knew someone had touched Him?
9. When the woman knew she was about to be found out, what did she do?
10. What did Jesus say to her?
11. What did the one who came from Jairus' house say?
12. What was Jesus' reply to this?
13. Whom did Jesus allow to enter Jairus' house with Him?

14. What did Jesus say to the people in the house?
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15. Did the people believe Jesus?
16. What did He say to the maid when He took her by the hand?
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17. What did the maid do then?
18. What did Jesus ask the astonished parents to do?
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AUTHOR'S COMMENT - We are not told why Jesus chose Peter, James and John to witness this miracle. We will notice that He allows only these three to witness some other events which seem quite special.

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PETER AND OTHERS ORDAINED AND SENT OUT

(Mark 3:13-19; Matt. 10:1-42)

1. What did Jesus do when He went up into the mountain?
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2. Why did He ordain these twelve men?
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3. Name the twelve men He ordained. *
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4. What miraculous powers did Jesus give Peter and the other apostles?
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* Thaddeus is called by another name in Luke and Acts: Judas, the brother of James. Some also believe he is referred to as Jude (Jude 1).

PETER TRAVELS

1. Why did the apostles ask the church to choose deacons? (Acts 6:1-4)
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2. When the apostles at Jerusalem sent Peter and John to Samaria, what did they do for those who had received the word of God and been baptized? (Acts 8:14-17)
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3. When Simon offered to buy the gift of 'Laying on of hands', what did Peter tell him? (Acts 8:18-23)
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4. Did Simon ask the Apostles to pray for him? (Acts 8:24)
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5. Did Peter and John preach in many places? (Acts 8:25)
6. When a new convert, Saul (Paul), wished to join the disciples in Jerusalem, what was their reaction? (Acts 9:26)
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7. When Barnabas, a man whom they knew, stood up for Saul, did they accept him into their fellowship? (Acts 9:27,28)
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8. How long did Paul say he stayed with Peter at this time? (Gal. 1:18)
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9. What miracle did Peter perform in Lydda which caused many people to turn to the Lord? (Acts 9:36-38)
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14. When they learned that they were in the temple teaching, what did they do?
15. When they were asked why they were still teaching this doctrine, what did Peter and the others say?
16. When the council heard these sayings and were cut to the heart, what did they decide to do?
17. What did Gamaliel advise the council to do?
18. After they had agreed with Gamaliel's plan, what did they do to the apostles?
19. Why did the apostles rejoice when they were released from the council?
20. Did they continue to teach and preach Jesus Christ?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - What Courage!!!

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5. To whom did Jesus send the apostles?
6. What were they instructed to preach?
7. Were they to perform miracles on this journey?
8. Were they told to take provisions with them?
9. With whom were they told to dwell in each city?
10. Did Jesus say that great trouble would come upon the cities which did not receive them?
11. Did He tell the apostles that they would suffer because of the things they were preaching?
12. Who was to give them the words to say when they were brought before the officials?
13. Will their mission cause other people to hate them?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Jesus teaches Peter and the other apostles here that they must value Him and their own Spiritual being (inward-man) much more highly than they do their natural lives (outward-man). They must learn the fear of God far above the fear of man, if they are to please God. Although Jesus' ultimate goal for His people is eternal peace -- He knows they must suffer in this life if they are to win souls to Him.

Verse 37 of this chapter and also Luke 14:26 teach the importance of putting Christ first in our lives. If God's people would examine themselves today in this respect, I believe we would uncover a great hinderance to the Kingdom of God in the world. We are on guard against the obvious sins around us, but we can be very vulnerable to the sin of loving our families and our own welfare too much and not even feel guilty about it.

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PETER WALKS ON THE WATER

(Matt. 14:22-32)

1. When Jesus had told His disciples to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee and He had sent the multitude away, what did He do?
2. Where was the ship when evening came?
3. What did Jesus do in the fourth watch? *
4. How did the disciples react when they saw Him?
5. What did Jesus say to them?
6. What did Peter say to Him?
7. Did Jesus tell him to come?
8. Did Peter start walking on the water toward Jesus?
9. What caused Peter to be afraid?
10. What happened to him when he became afraid?
11. What did Jesus do when Peter asked Him to save him?
12. What did Jesus say to Peter?
13. Did they both get into the ship safely?

* The fourth watch is between three and six o'clock in the morning.

PETER SHOWS GREAT STRENGTH

(Acts 5)

1. Did Ananias and Sapphira agree that they would hold back part of the money from a possession they sold?
2. When part of the money was brought to the apostles, what did Peter say to Ananias?
3. What happened to Ananias when he heard this?
4. What did the young men do with his body?
5. About how long was it before Sapphira came in?
6. When Peter asked her if they had sold the land for the amount Ananias had brought them, did she agree?
7. What happened to Sapphira when Peter told her what they had done?
8. Did these things frighten the people?
9. Were many signs and wonders wrought by the apostles?
10. Why did they bring the sick people into the streets?
11. When the high priest and the Sadducees rose up, what did they do?
12. When the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought the apostles out, what did he say to them?
13. When the rulers prepared for the trial of the apostles and sent for them to be brought, what did they find?

(The following answers will be found in Acts 4)

- 8. Why were the Sadducees upset by the things Peter and John were teaching?
- 9. What did the officials ask Peter and John after they had held them overnight?
- 10. After Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, had spoken to them, why were they amazed?
- 11. Seeing they could not deny the miracle that they had done, what did they do so this would not spread any further?
- 12. When Peter and John were released, where did they go and what did they do?
- 13. After their powerful prayer, what happened?
- 14. What did the multitude of them that believed do with their earthly goods?

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AUTHOR'S COMMENT - We can all relate our own lives to Peter's in this instance. When we concentrate on Jesus and His power, our faith is strong and we can seemingly do the impossible. But, when we start thinking about the power of the devil's forces and all the obstacles he puts before us, we start to sink. Then we feel the need to do just what Peter did; say "Lord, help me". And Jesus never fails to reach out His hand and give us assurance when we honestly ask for it.

What a great Lord Peter had!!! And, PRAISE GOD - He's still in business!!!

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PETER DISPLAYS GREAT FAITH AND THEN WEAKNESS

(John 6:67-69; Matt. 16:13-26)

- 1. After a large number of the followers of Jesus deserted Him in Capernaum, what did He ask the twelve apostles?
- 2. What was Peter's reply?
- 3. (Begin reference in Matthew) Upon another occasion in Caesarea Philippi, what did Jesus ask the disciples?
- 4. What did they tell Him?
- 5. What was His next question?
- 6. What was Peter's reply?

7. Who did Jesus say had revealed this to Peter?
8. What did Jesus say to Peter?
9. What did Jesus then tell His disciples?
10. When Jesus told them of the sufferings and death which were to come upon Him, what did Peter do?
11. Did Jesus strongly rebuke Peter because he didn't understand that these things must happen?
12. Did Jesus again teach His disciples the importance of Spiritual things as compared to temporal?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - This teaching runs like a golden thread through the entire Bible. Yet it seems that it is the hardest lesson for us to learn, even as it was for Peter. We should seek more wisdom and enlightenment in Spiritual things and not spend so much of our time trying to satisfy the carnal man.

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PETER WITNESSES TRANSFIGURATION

(Luke 9:28-36)

1. Whom did Jesus take with Him when He went into the mountain?
2. What happened to Him as He was praying?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Most religious groups teach that Christ's Church was established on the day of Pentecost. While we are studying part of this chapter, it would be good to read all of it and see if the Church really did have its birth on this day.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Church was already in existence at this time. I believe Jesus established it during His earthly ministry and these three thousand souls were just added to it that day.

There is no question that this was a great day in the life of the Church and it is not to be minimized in the least. The Church had received the Spirit which it had been promised and its work was greatly magnified from this time forward.

I sincerely believe the Church of today would have a great deal more power and influence in the world if we would do as these people did in Acts 2:1, "They were all with one accord in one place".

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PETER AND JOHN WORK TOGETHER

(Acts 3 and 4)

1. Where did Peter and John go the ninth hour?
2. What was wrong with the man who lay at the gate and begged alms?
3. What did Peter say to him?
4. What happened when Peter took him by the hand and lifted him up?
5. What did the people see the man doing?
6. To whom does Peter give honor for this miracle?
7. Name five Old Testament characters which Peter refers to in the third chapter of Acts, as he teaches the people.

6. After they had appointed Joseph and Matthias, what did they do?

7. When they gave forth their lots, which one was chosen?

(The following answers will be found in Acts 2:14-41)

8. After the Holy Ghost had come to the Church on the day of Pentecost, who stood up to speak?

9. What Old Testament prophet did Peter use as reference this time?

10. In verse twenty one, what did Peter say a person must do to be saved?

11. Does Peter seem to be making good use of his newly acquired understanding of Old Testament Scriptures as he quotes from the writings of David?

12. What happened when the people heard this great sermon?

13. What did they ask Peter and the other apostles?

14. What did Peter tell them to do?

15. Did Peter continue to testify and teach the people?

16. What did those who gladly received his word do?

17. About how many souls were added to them that day?

3. Who appeared with Jesus? *

4. What did Jesus, Moses and Elijah talk about?

5. Did Peter, James and John see this?

6. For whom did Peter wish to build three tabernacles?

7. Did Peter understand the significance of what he was saying?

8. What happened while Peter was speaking?

9. What did the voice say which spoke out of the cloud?

10. Did the three apostles and Jesus tell others what had happened on the mountain at this time?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - The words spoken by God out of the cloud had great significance. They were a sharp rebuke to Peter because he had desired to build three tabernacles, which would indicate the equality of Moses, Elijah and Jesus. The words told Peter that the law (represented by the appearance of Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah) were only instruments with which to point people to Jesus Christ. From this time forward, they were to regard the teachings of Jesus with much greater authority than those of the law and the prophets.

*Elias is used in the New Testament to mean Elijah.

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QUOTATIONS

Give the following information about the quotations below: (1) who was talking, (2) to whom he was talking, and (3) under what circumstance.

1. Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.
2. What seek ye?
3. We have found the Messiah.
4. Thou shalt be called Cephas.
5. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
6. Launch out into the deep.
7. Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing.
8. Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
9. Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
10. Who touched me?
11. Daughter be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

10. Where did He lead them next?
11. What happened while He blessed them?
12. Did they return to Jerusalem as He had instructed?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Jesus did something quite special for his disciples when he opened their understanding of the Scriptures. I sincerely believe that this help is still available to Jesus' followers today. We should earnestly pray to have our understanding of the Scriptures opened. This would keep down much confusion in the world and help us to better carry out the commission given here.

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PETER TAKES THE LEAD (Acts 1:15-26; Acts 2:14-41)

1. In these days (after the ascension) about how many disciples were gathered in Jerusalem?
2. What had Judas done with the money he received for betraying Jesus?
3. What did Peter say happened to Judas after he betrayed Jesus?
4. What book of the Old Testament does Peter use as reference when requesting that Judas' office be filled by another?
5. What were the qualifications for the new apostle?

GENERAL COMMISSION AND THE ASCENSION

(Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:44-53)

1. Where did the disciples meet Jesus?
2. How much power did Jesus tell them He had?
3. After the disciples had taught the people and baptized them, what did Jesus tell them to teach them?
4. How long did He say he would be with them?
5. According to Mark's gospel, what signs will follow them that believe in Jesus? (Mark 16:17,18)
6. About how many people did Paul say were present at this time? (I Cor. 15:6)

(The following answers will be found in Luke 24:44-53)

7. At another time when Jesus was with His disciples, what did He open their understanding about?
8. What did Jesus tell them was to be preached to all nations?
9. How long did He tell them to tarry in Jerusalem?

12. Thy daughter is dead, trouble not the Master.
13. Fear not, believe only, and she shall be made whole.
14. Maid, arise.
15. Go not into the way of the Gentiles.
16. Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
17. But rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
18. Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
19. Lord, save me.
20. O thou of little faith, wherefore, didst thou doubt?
21. Of a truth, thou art the Son of God.
22. Will ye also go away?
23. To whom shall we go?
24. Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?
25. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

- 26. Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 27. Get thee behind me, Satan.
- 28. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- 29. Master, it is good for us to be here.
- 30. This is my beloved Son: hear Him.

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PETER IS TAUGHT BY JESUS

(Reference after each question)

- 1. What did the tax collectors ask Peter when Jesus and His disciples entered Capernaum? (Matt. 17:24)
- 2. What was Peter's reply? (Matt. 17:25)
- 3. Did Jesus question Peter about his answer? (Matt. 17:25)
- 4. After Jesus taught Peter that He was not really obligated to pay the tax, what did He tell Peter to do? (Matt 17:26-27)

- 24. I know not this man of whom ye speak.
- 25. They have taken away the Lord, out of the sepulchre.
- 26. Peace be unto you.
- 27. Receive ye the Holy Ghost.
- 28. My Lord and my God.
- 29. I go a fishing.
- 30. Children, have ye any meat?
- 31. Come and dine.
- 32. Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.
- 33. Feed my lambs.
- 34. Lord, and what shall this man do?
- 35. If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

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11. Lord, who is it?
12. A new commandment I give unto you.
13. Whither goest thou?
14. Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.
15. Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.
16. Thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.
17. Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
18. Simon, sleepest thou?
19. Sleep on now.
20. Are ye come out, as against a thief?
21. We have heard Him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands.
22. Art thou the Christ?
23. And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

5. Did Jesus also teach Peter that it is sometimes better to waive a right rather than to offend someone?
6. What did Peter ask Jesus about forgiveness? (Matt. 18:21)
7. What did Jesus teach him about this? (Matt. 18:22)
8. Did Jesus also teach Peter that he and all the disciples would be greatly rewarded for the sacrifices they had made to follow Him? (Matt. 19:27-30)
9. Where did Jesus and the twelve apostles go when they left Jerusalem? (Mark 11:11)
10. The next day when they were coming back to Jerusalem from Bethany, and Jesus was hungry, what did He see? (Mark 11:12,13)
11. Did He find any figs when He came to the tree? (Mark 11:13)
12. What curse did Jesus put on the tree? (Mark 11:14)
13. Did the apostles hear Him? (Mark 11:14)
14. In the morning, as they passed this way again, what did they find? (Mark 11:20)
15. Did Peter call this to the attention of Jesus? (Mark 11:21)
16. What great lesson did Jesus teach Peter here? (Mark 11:22,23)

17. Upon another occasion, did Peter and some of the other apostles inquire of Jesus the things which were to come? (Mark 13:3,4)
18. Explain how the lessons on "offending others", "forgiveness", and "faith", which Jesus taught Peter can be applied to our lives today.
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QUOTATIONS

Give the following information about the quotations below: (1) who was talking, (2) to whom he was talking, and (3) under what circumstance.

1. Doth not your master pay tribute?
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2. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea.....
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3. Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?
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4. Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?
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5. No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.
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6. Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.
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7. Have faith in God.
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8. Tell us, when shall these things be?
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9. Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
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10. Know ye what I have done to you?
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When we grumble and complain that someone else is getting along better than we are and we can't understand it, I imagine the the Lord's reaction is much the same as it was with Peter. If He were here in the flesh, He would probably tell us in very plain language that is not our concern. If we will listen to it, the Holy Spirit will let us know that Jesus is still saying: "What is that to thee; follow thou me."

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PETER ASKS MORE QUESTIONS

(John 13)

1. After the supper was ended, what did Jesus rise and do?
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2. When He came to Peter, what did Peter ask?
3. Did Peter understand why Jesus was doing this?
4. Did Jesus tell him he would understand it later?
5. Does Jesus teach His apostles a great lesson in humility here?
6. When Jesus announced that one of the apostles would betray Him, what did they all do?
7. What did Peter do then?
8. What did the disciple whom Jesus loved (probably John) ask Him?
9. Did Peter and the other men understand why Jesus was saying these things to Judas?
10. Did Jesus again tell them He must leave them?
11. What new commandment did Jesus give them now that He was about to leave them?
12. How did Jesus say that people could tell they were His disciples?
13. What did Peter ask Him?

14. When Jesus told him that he could not follow where He was going, what did Peter say?

15. Knowing Peter better than Peter knew himself, what did Jesus say?

(In Luke's account of this evening, read what he says about this conversation between Jesus and Peter: Luke 22:31-38, and answer the following questions.)

16. When Jesus told Peter that Satan wanted to sift him as wheat (try his faith), what did Jesus say He had done for Peter?

17. What did Peter say to Jesus?

18. What did Jesus ask the apostles?

19. What was their answer?

20. Did Jesus tell them that the time was near at hand when He must leave them and they would be without His help for a time?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Even though Peter did not fully understand what Jesus was saying, he was quite sure that he was willing to give his life for Him, if necessary. Although he had been reproached by Jesus upon several occasions, this must have been a terrible blow to Peter. Perhaps he was placing too much confidence in his own strength -- and that is always dangerous.

How many times have we made promises to God that we would be faithful in certain matters? Even though sincere at the time, just as Peter was here; how often have we wavered in that faithfulness when the time comes for the promise to be fulfilled.

13. What did the disciples see when they came ashore?

14. After they had drawn in the net full of fishes, what did Jesus say?

15. Did they dine together there?

16. How many times has Jesus appeared to them since He arose?

17. When they had dined, what did Jesus ask Peter?

18. When Peter answered yes, what did Jesus tell him to do?

19. When Jesus asked him the same question the second time and Peter answered yes, what did Jesus tell him to do?

20. Did it grieve Peter that Jesus felt it necessary to ask again the third time?

21. After Jesus told Peter something about the kind of old age and death to expect, what did He tell Peter to do?

22. When Peter saw John following, what did Peter ask?

23. What was Jesus' reply?

24. What false rumor was started from this statement?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - Peter really shows the "Old human nature" here. Jesus had told him some of the things which were to come upon him and his reaction was: "If all this is going to happen to me - what about John?"

Jesus told him in no uncertain terms that it was none of his business.

14. Did Thomas then believe also?
15. Did Jesus give the disciples many other signs which are not recorded for us in the Bible?

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JESUS APPEARS BY THE SEA

(John 21)

1. Where did Jesus appear to the disciples next? *
2. How many of the disciples were together at this time?
3. What did Peter say?
4. Did the others decide to go with him?
5. Did they catch any fish that night?
6. As Jesus stood on the shore the next morning, did the disciples know who He was?
7. What did Jesus ask them?
8. When they said no, what did He tell them to do?
9. Did they catch a great multitude of fish this time?
10. What did John (the disciple whom Jesus loved) say to Peter?
11. What did Peter do when he heard this?
12. About how far were they from shore when this happened?

* Tiberias is another name for the Sea of Galilee.

PETER SHOWS WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH

(Mark 14:32-72)

1. After Peter had declared his loyalty to Jesus and Jesus had told him what he would do, where did they go?
2. Which disciple did Jesus carry with Him when he went to pray?
3. What did He tell them to do?
4. Was Jesus in great agony as He prayed to God?
5. When Jesus came back and found them sleeping, what did He say to Peter?
6. Did Jesus understand that their weakness was of the flesh?
7. What did Jesus say to them when He found them sleeping the third time?
8. What happened immediately after this?
9. How did Judas Iscariot let the men know which one was Jesus?
10. What did Peter do then (read also John 18:10,11)?
11. As they carried Jesus away, did Peter follow at a safe distance?
12. What did Peter do when he entered the house of the high priest?

13. Could the officials find any true witnesses against Jesus?
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14. When the high priest asked Jesus if He were the Son of God, what did He reply?
15. Did they use this statement, calling it blasphemy, to condemn Him to death?
16. What did they do to Jesus at this time?
17. What did one of the maids say when she saw Peter by the fire?
18. What was Peter's reply?
19. When a maid saw Peter on the porch, what did she say?
20. Did he deny it a second time?
21. When the others standing around the fire accused him of being one of them, what did he do?
22. As the cock crowed the second time, what did Peter remember?
23. What did Peter do then?

AUTHOR'S COMMENT - When we reflect on the incident in the garden we immediately think that these three disciples were terribly weak at this point because they did not stay awake as they were instructed. Let us not judge too quickly -- Christ teaches us that we are to watch and pray even today. Yet how many of us have fallen asleep????

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AFTER THE RESURRECTION

(John 20:1-10; 19-31)

(We are not told whether Peter witnessed the crucifixion. Neither are we told how he spent the three days while Jesus was in the tomb. Therefore, we pick up our studies after the resurrection.)

1. When Mary Magdalene came to Jesus' sepulchre early in the morning, what did she find?
2. What did she tell Peter and the other disciple (John)?
3. Did Peter and John run to the sepulchre?
4. What did they see when they entered the sepulchre?
5. Did Peter and John understand what this meant?
6. Where did they go?*
7. When the disciples met that night, why were the doors closed where they met?
8. When Jesus appeared to them there, what did He say?
9. What did He do to convince them who He was?
10. What special blessing and commission did Jesus give them then?
11. Which of the disciples was missing from the group when this occurred?
12. How long was it before Jesus appeared to them again?
13. What did He do to prove Himself to Thomas?

* Luke 24:34 and I Cor. 15:5 indicate that Jesus appeared to Peter before He did to the other apostles, evidently some time during this day. John does not mention this in his writing.