

Bible Detectives briefing for Peter

Matthew 7:7 – Jesus said “Seek and YOU will find”

Remember when examining the evidence (5xW+H):

- **Who**
- **What**
- **Where**
- **When**
- **Why and**
- **How**

Are essential questions to ask to establish what you know or need to find out.

Also consider the following aspects of the narrative to add to your understanding:

1. **Positive influences**
2. **Persons impacted**
3. **Information/Facts**
4. **Negative influences**
5. **Locations**

Then at the conclusion of your detecting session reflect and ask yourself these three questions:

1. **What did we/I look at in the session?**
2. **What did I learn?**
3. **What am I going to do as a result?**

Profile of Peter? (5xW +H)

Name: Simon son of Jonas a.k.a. Peter (Cephas (Aramaic Kepa = rock, Peter from Petros Greek translation of Kepa), Simon Peter, Simeon, Simon, Shimon, Saint Peter)

Born: Bethsaida – near the sea of Galilee

Lived: Capernaum

Sibling: brother Andrew – a follower of John the Baptist who introduced Peter to Jesus

Occupation: Fisherman – worked with his father and brother Andrew together with the sons of Zebedee (James and John – sons of thunder)

Disciple of Jesus, Apostle, leader of early church

Married: Yes – wife would travel with him on some of his journeys

Died: Suggested AD 64-68 (aged 62-67) – tradition that crucified in Rome upside down under instructions of Emperor Nero. Tradition buried in St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

Key Events recorded in the Bible

- **Calling:** Matthew 4:18-20, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 10:2
- **Walking on water:** Matthew 14:22-33
- **Confession of Jesus as Christ/Messiah:** Matthew 16:13-20
- **Peter rebuked:** Matthew 16:21-28
- **Transfiguration:** Matthew 17:1-8
- **Refusing to have his feet washed:** John 13:1-17
- **Jesus predicts Peter's denial:** John 13:31-38
- **Peter's denial:** Mark 14:27-31, (Matthew 26:31-35,69)
- **Asleep on the job:** Mark 14:32-42
- **In trouble again cutting off an ear:** John 18:10-11 (Mark 14:47, Luke 22:51)
- **Brave – into the courtyard:** Mark 14:53-54, John 18:15-18
- **Betrayal of Jesus:** Mark 14:66-72
- **First into the tomb:** John 20:1-9
- **Another fishing lesson from a carpenter:** John 21:1-14
- **Jesus reinstates Peter:** John 21:15-25 (and predicts his death)
- **Pentecost and first sermon:** Acts 2:1-41
- **Healing at Temple:** Acts 3
- **Before the authorities:** Acts 4
- **Ananias and Sapphira:** Acts 5:1-11
- **Prison escapes:** Acts 5 and Acts 12
- **At Samaria:** Acts 18:14
- **Raising of Tabitha:** Acts 9:36
- **Vision and visit to Cornelius:** Acts 10 (Gentiles accepted)
- **Jerusalem council:** Acts 15

Two letters – 1 and 2 Peter (BibleProject.com)