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SIMON PETER

PETER Personal name meaning, "Rock." Four names are used in the New Testament to refer to Peter: the Hebrew name **Simeon** (Acts 15:14); the Greek equivalent **Simon** (nearly fifty times in the Gospels and Acts); **Cephas**, most frequently used by Paul (1 Cor. 1:12; 3:22; 9:5; 15:5; Gal. 1:18; 2:9, 11, 14) and occurring only once outside his writings (Jn 1:42). Cephas and Peter both mean rock. Simon is often found in combination with Peter, reminding the reader that Simon was the earlier name and that Peter was a name given later by Jesus. The name Peter dominates the New Testament usage. –HBD-

- Peter's Family & Particulars** (Mt. 16:17; Jn 1:42). Who was Peter's father? _____ (Jn 1:44) "Now Philip was of _____, the city of _____ and _____." Who was Andrew? _____ Peter's vocation (Mk 1:16; Lk 5:2-3; Jn 21:3)? _____ (Lk 5:10) Peter and Andrew were in partnership with? _____ and _____. Was Peter married (Mk 1:29-31; 1 Cor. 9:5)? _____ Where did he live (Mk 1:21,29)? _____ Before becoming disciples of Jesus, Peter and Andrew had been influenced by the teaching of (Jn 1:35-42) _____
- Peter And The Disciples** His name always occurs first in the lists of disciples (Mk 3:16; Lk 6:14; Mt. 10:2). He frequently served as the spokesman for the disciples (cf: Mk 8:29) and usually voiced their questions (Mk 10:28; 11:21; Mt 15:15; 18:21; Lk 12:41). What indicates (Mk 8:29-33) Peter was considered "leader" of the apostles? _____
- Peter's Presence** Peter was present with Jesus at what occasion (Mk 5:35-41)? _____; (Mark 9:2-8)? _____; (Mk 14:43-50)? _____
- Peter's Impetuosity** What did he do (Mt 14:27-31) that indicates this? _____ (Mt 14:25ff)? _____ Gal 2:11-14)? _____
- Peter's Role in the Early Church** He played an influential role in establishing the Jerusalem church (Acts, early chapters). James, the brother of Jesus, assumed the leadership role within the Jewish community. Paul became the "apostle to the gentiles." But Peter was the first to make contact with the Gentiles (Acts 10 & 11). Explain the who, where, and why of Peter's mission to Gentile contacts. _____
- Tradition** It says that Peter died as a martyr in Rome in the late 60s (*1 Clem. 5:1-6:1). Both (1 and 2 Peter) in the New Testament are attributed to the apostle Peter. (1 Pet 1:1) "_____, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the _____ scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia." This constituted northern Asia Minor which is modern-day Turkey. (2 Pet 1:1) "_____ Peter, a _____ and an _____ of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like _____ with us through the righteousness of God and our _____ Jesus Christ."
- Fact** Despite impetuosity, Peter was granted what (Mt 16:19)? _____ They used by Peter (Acts 2) on Pentecost to "open the doors" of the NT Church.