

# Message Notes

Welcome to 1st Peter!

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(taken from the New International Version)

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## Let's Dive into 1 Peter!

1 Peter 1:1-2

Who wrote it?

Peter, the Apostle of Jesus Christ

Who's it to?

The Chosen Ones, Scattered and in Exile

According to Foreknowledge of God

Through the Sanctifying work of the Spirit

To be Obedient to Jesus Christ

And Sprinkled by his blood

The message:

Grace and Peace to you - in abundance!!

**Gospel Application** - "Have you failed enough to be a good follower of our Lord Jesus Christ?"

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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

The apostle Peter ends his letter with a statement of its significance, “This is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Pet. 5:12 TNIV). For two thousand years, believers around the world have read the letter Peter wrote to the Christians of first-century Asia Minor as God’s word. The apostle explains the significance of Jesus’ suffering and how those who follow him must live out their faith. Some have accurately described 1 Peter as “the most condensed New Testament résumé of the Christian faith and of the conduct that it inspires” (Clowney 1988: 15). Martin Luther describes it as “one of the noblest books in the New Testament” and a “paragon of excellence” on par with even Romans and the Gospel of John (Pelikan 1967: 4, 9; Blevins 1982: 401). Luther believed it contained all that is necessary for a Christian to know (Achtmeier 1996: 64).



Perhaps this letter's universal relevance is due to its presentation of how the gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundational principle by which the Christian life is lived out within the larger unbelieving society.

The life of Jesus and the believer's life are inseparable in Peter's thought. In 1 Peter Jesus is not only the object of Christian faith; he is also the pattern of Christian destiny. Jesus' resurrection is the source of the believer's new life (1:3). His willingness to suffer unjustly to fulfill God's purpose is the exemplar to which Christians are called as they live out their lives in faith, following in his footsteps (2:21).

~ Karen H. Jobes, *1 Peter*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005), 1.





# Let's meet Peter!

**GRECO, EI**  
Apostle St Peter  
1610-14  
Oil on canvas, 97 x 77 cm  
Museo de El Greco, Toledo



**The Miraculous Draught of Fishes** (1515)  
Raphael (1483–1520)  
Victoria and Albert Museum



**Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water (1766)**

François Boucher (1703–1770)

Oil on canvas, 235 cm x 170 cm

Cathédrale Saint-Louis de Versailles

**Christ Giving the Keys to St. Peter** (1612)  
Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640)  
182.6 cm x 159 cm  
Gemäldegalerie, Berlin



# The Call of Peter into Discipleship

## Mark 1:16-20

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

# Married, with a Norwegian Mother-in-law

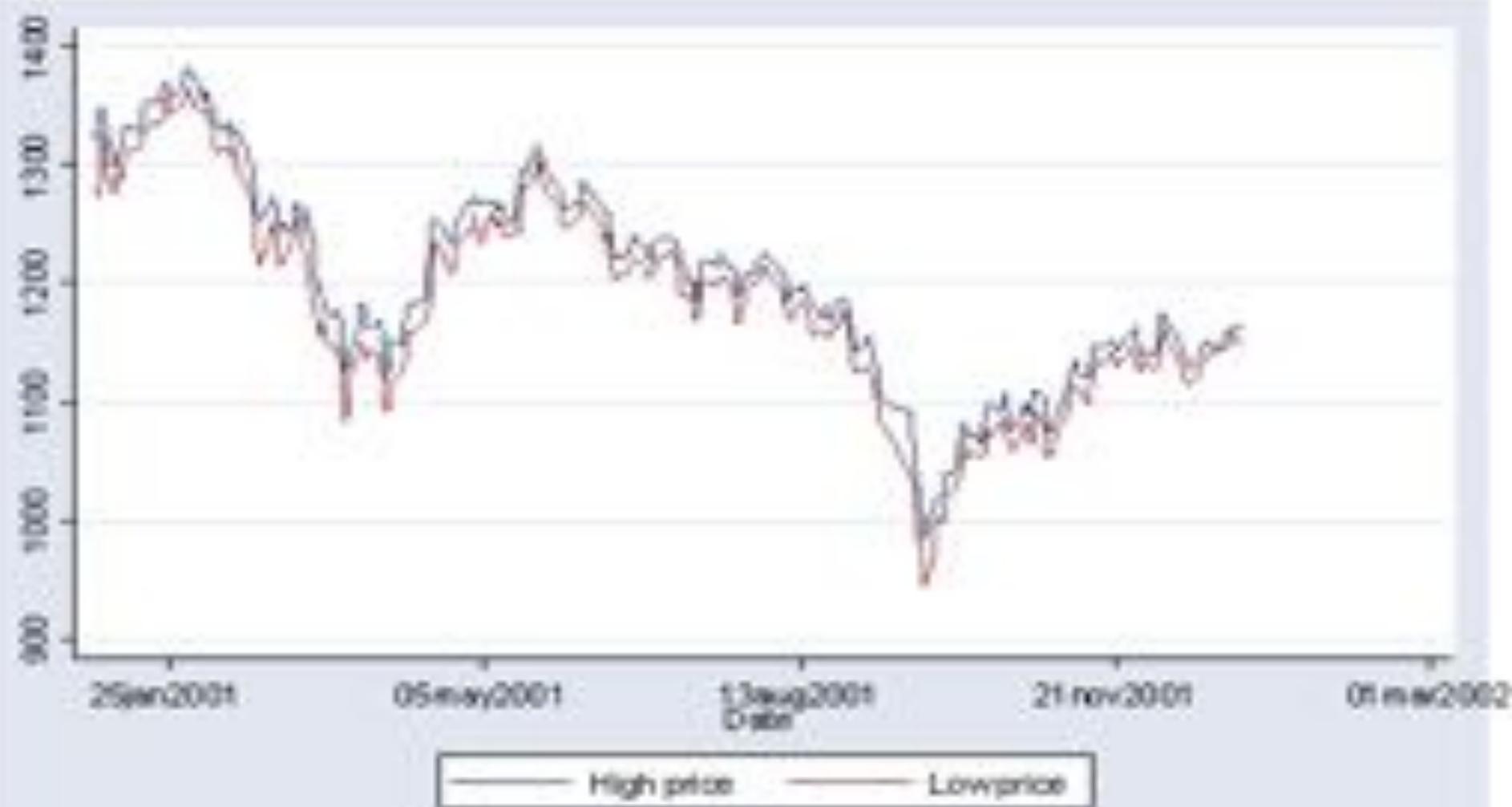
## Mark 1:29-31

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup>So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

# In the Inner circle of 3 of the 12 Disciples

**Mark 5:37**

He did not let anyone follow him except  
Peter, James and John the brother of James...



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**John 13:2-11**

<sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.  
Having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end.

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<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

# “All in” kind of a guy (FAIL)

Or at least awkward!

## John 13:2-11

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,  
“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing,  
but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup>“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

<sup>9</sup>“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my  
hands and my head as well!”

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## John 13:2-11

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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# Peter's Reinstatement

## John 22:15-19

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

<sup>16</sup>Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

# Peter's Reinstatement

John 22:15-19

<sup>17</sup>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."

# Peter's Reinstatement

John 22:125-19

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>I tell you the truth, 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."

<sup>19</sup>Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Peter's Martyrdom,  
traditionally dated as  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 64 AD

**Crucifixion of Saint Peter**  
Caravaggio, 1601  
Oil on canvas  
230 cm × 175 cm (91 in × 69 in)  
Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome



# The leader of the Early Church

## Acts 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup>When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

<sup>14</sup>They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup>and said, “Brothers and sisters...”

# Peter's Theology Challenged

## Acts 10:9-16

<sup>9</sup> About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. <sup>13</sup> Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

# Peter's Theology Challenged

**Acts 10:9-16**

<sup>14</sup>“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied.

“I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

<sup>15</sup>The voice spoke to him a second time,

“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

<sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

# Peter's Theology Challenged

## Acts 11:15-17

<sup>15</sup>“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

# Peter Backslides (FAIL)

## Galatians 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup>When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

# Who's this letter from?

**Peter, who still calls himself an apostle!!**

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Grace and peace be yours in abundance.



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The bold, passionate, courageous,  
awkward, flawed failure – who still  
knows he is deeply loved and accepted  
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## God's Elect – "Scattered Exiles"

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The letter is addressed to the “elect” (*eklektois*), and in the Greek text the term “elect” actually modifies the term “strangers” (*parepidmois*), so we can translate “elect strangers” or “elect pilgrims.” To speak of his readers as elect means that they have been chosen by God. Clearly the readers are primarily Gentiles. Often in the Old Testament, Israel is designated as God’s chosen and elect people (Deut 4:37; 7:6–8; 10:15; 14:2; Ps 106:5; Isa 14:1; 41:8–18; 43:20; 45:4; 51:2; 65:9, 15, 23; cf. also *Wis* 4:15; *Sir* 46:1). Peter indicates at the outset, therefore, that the church of Jesus Christ is the Israel of God, his chosen people. He forecasts here the theme of 1 Pet 2:9, where the church is called “a chosen people.”

~ Thomas R. Schreiner, *1, 2 Peter, Jude*, vol. 37, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003), 50.



# Who's this letter to?

## God's Elect – “throughout the provinces”

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God's Elect – “according to the foreknowledge of the Father”

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**God's Elect – “to obedience and the sprinkled blood of Jesus”**

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# Peter's Greeting

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Many African Christians know what it is like to be a displaced person or a refugee, or have had to leave their communities to search for work. While the issues we face (including AIDS, globalization and denominationalism) may be very different from those faced by the Christians in ancient Asia Minor (the regions of *Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (1:1c)*, most of which are in modern Turkey), the reminder that we are all exiles gives us a common bond and a hope of return to our homeland.

Scattered exiles often feel isolated and insignificant, so Peter reminds them that they are *God's elect (1:1b)*; they have been specifically *chosen* by God (*1:2a*; see also Matt 24:22).



When outside pundits treat Africa as irrelevant and having nothing to contribute, we need to remember that God does not see us in that way! He specifically chose us, and his choice was based on his foreknowledge. While we cannot be certain how this foreknowledge operates, what is clear is that all three persons of the Trinity are active in salvation. The Father foreknew the believers; the Holy Spirit is at work in them, sanctifying them so that they can achieve God's purpose; and this purpose is *obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood* — a reference to the OT sacrifices in which blood was sprinkled on the altar and to the ordination that set priests apart for God's service (1:2b; see also Lev 8:30).



~ Tokunboh Adeyemo, *Africa Bible Commentary* (Nairobi, Kenya; Grand Rapids, MI: WordAlive Publishers; Zondervan, 2006), 1544.

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Have you failed enough to be a good  
follower of Jesus Christ?