

The Life of the Apostle Peter

Study #1 Introduction

I. The Sketch (or Summary)

A. His Family

1. His Father (John 21:15)
2. His Brother (Mark 1:16; John 1:40-41)
3. His Wife (Matthew 8:14; 1 Cor. 9:5)

B. His Fishing (Matt. 4:18-19; Jn. 1:44)

C. His Failures

1. Drowning (almost!) (Matthew 14:30)
2. Denial (Matthew 26)
3. Desertion - "I go a fishing" (John 21:3)
4. Delay (Acts 10)

D. His Faith

1. His Insight (Mt. 16:16-17)
2. His Persistence (Mk. 1:17; Mt. 4:19)

II. The Significance

A. Leader (Matthew 10:2; Luke 24:34;)

B. Inner-Circle Disciple (Mk. 5:37; Lk. 9:28)

C. Preacher at Pentecost (Acts 2:14)

D. Human Author of Scripture

1. Contributor to Mark
2. Author of 1 and 2 Peter (1 Pet. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1)

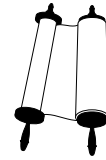
III. The Statement (1 Peter 5:1)

A. The Claims of the Popes

B. The Claims of Peter

1. A servant of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:1)
2. An apostle of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:1)
3. A fellow elder (1 Peter 5:1)
4. A witness of the sufferings of Christ (1 Pet. 5:1; Acts 5:32)
5. A partaker of the glory (1 Peter 5:1)

CONCLUSION (Mk. 16:7)



BETHSAIDA

(beth-sa'i-da; Greek, from Aramaic, *betsayda*, "house or place of fishing").

A city in Galilee, on the NE coast of the Sea of Tiberias (John 1:44; John 12:21). It was the home of Peter, Andrew, and Philip, and a frequent resort of Jesus. Our Lord upbraided its inhabitants for not receiving His teachings (Luke 10:13).

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

It is probably to be located at Aradj about a mile E of where the Jordan River enters the Sea of Galilee. — *New Unger's Bible Dictionary*

The house of Andrew and Peter seems to have been not far from the synagogue in Capernaum (Matthew 8:14; Mark 1:29, etc.). Unless they had moved their residence from Bethsaida to Capernaum, of which there is no record, and which for fishermen was unlikely, Bethsaida must have lain close to Capernaum. It may have been the fishing town adjoining the larger city.— *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*

