



## *Timeless lives from the God-Story*

### **PETER: PURE IN HEART**

What a roller-coaster life! From this one man come insights into power, grace, and forgiveness few men and women will ever understand! If you were to graph the life of this impetuous man throughout his years of contact during Jesus' life on earth you would see an up and down experience that would make a great made for television drama!

Peter was the kind of "rock" in whom Jesus saw deep value, and He continued to call Peter to something greater than he could have ever been merely by his own effort.

#### *Matthew 14:22-36*

What insights into Peter do you get from this account? What kind of long-term impact do you think this had upon Peter? What are the spiritual insights from this encounter?

#### *Matthew 16:13-28*

What is it about Peter that excites Jesus? Why do you think his faith was so pure? What is Jesus trying to tell Peter about the extent of his ministry on the earth? Doesn't it seem cold to rebuke Peter so sharply for his comments concerning Jesus' death? What was Jesus trying to do for Peter and the other disciples?

#### *John 13:1-20*

This was a real stretch for Peter. As usual, he speaks what is on his mind! What did Jesus want Peter and the other disciples to understand? What is the significance of being "clean"?

#### *John 18:1-27*

What do you think went through the disciples minds when everyone fell to the ground? What was Peter's response to Jesus being arrested? What does it tell you about Peter?

#### *John 21*

How do you think that Peter felt when Jesus pressed him about feeding His sheep?

#### *Acts 1,4*

What do you notice about Peter's demeanor after Jesus is raised from the dead?

#### *1 and 2 Peter*

Read 1 and 2 Peter for insights into how Peter applied his encounter with Jesus into the way he conducted himself for his remaining stay on earth.

*Peter was an initiator. We can learn a lot about quality spiritual devotion from watching Peter respond to his circumstances and the expectations of his Master!*

*My conclusions from this study...*

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