

The Life Of Peter

Lesson Four: Peter's Confessions

Lesson Aim: To see Peter at the crossroads of Jesus' Rise and Decline in popularity

Lesson Texts: John 6:60-71; Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 16:21-28

1. Peter in Capernaum

a. *Read John 6:60-71*

b. What was the occasion for Peter's confession in this text?

c. What do you think motivated Jesus to ask the question in verse 67?

d. What did Jesus know from the beginning? (64) explain

e. What was Peter's reply? Explain.

2. Peter In Caesarea Philippi

a. *Read Matthew 16:13-20*

b. What question did Jesus ask his disciples?

c. What were some popular opinions about his identity?

d. Who stepped up to speak for the entire group? What does this say to you?

e. What did Peter say?

f. What did he base his confession on – according to Jesus?

- g. What is the “rock” with reference to Peter?
- h. What did Jesus promise to give Peter? Where do we see this fulfilled?
- i. What else was Peter told? See Matthew 18:18 for application to all the apostles.

3. Peter’s Blunder

- a. *Read Matthew 16:21-28*
- b. What did Jesus, from that time forward, begin to reveal to the Twelve?
- c. How did Peter respond?
- d. How did Jesus respond to Peter’s rebuke?
- e. What does this name mean?
- f. What would Peter’s prediction have resulted in had it been true?
- g. Explain how Jesus’ teaching in verses 24-25 applies to Peter’s statement.
- h. What was the only thing that could be exchanged for the soul?
- i. When was the kingdom going to come?

