

Simon Peter – A Common Man For an Uncommon Calling

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I. Simon's Common Name

1. Simon Peter
2. Simon the Zealot
3. Simon the half-brother of Jesus
Matthew 13:55
4. Simon Iscariot, Judas Iscariot's father
John 6:71
5. Simon the leper
Matthew 26:6
6. Simon the Pharisee
Luke 7:36-40
7. Simon the Cyrene, who carried Jesus' cross
Matthew 27:32

II. Simon's Common Occupation

1. Commercial Fisherman
2. Sea of Galilee
John 1:44
Mark 1:21, 29

III. Simon's Marital Status

1. Single **Married** Divorced
2. Simon's Mother-in-Law
Mark 1:30
3. Paul's statement
I Corinthians 9:5

IV. **Simon's Character**

- a) He was impetuous, impulsive, overeager, brash, wavering and indecisive
- b) He also was inquisitive; he was an initiator; and he sought involvement
- c) *Psalm 139:13-16*

V. **Peter – the name given him by Christ**

- a) *John 1:42*
Jesus calls Simon, Cephas (Peter)
- b) In *Luke 6:14*, Luke writes, "Simon, whom He also named Peter."
- c) Peter was a nickname. It means "Rock". ['Petros' is the Greek word for a "piece of rock, a stone"] The Aramaic equivalent was "Cephas."
 - *I Corinthians 1:12; 3:22; 9:5; 15:5*
 - *Galatians 2:9*