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St Peter

Aim: Study the life of St Peter as an example of Human nature in Strength and Weakness.

Verse: “And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord” (Luke 22:61).

References: St Peter, F.B. Mayer

Introduction:

+ Peter is a Greek name meaning ‘the rock’. His name was Simeon in Hebrew. His fathers name wa Jonah (Mathew 16:17) from Bethsaida and also had a home in Capernaum in Galilee (Mark 1:21).

+ He was married.

+It was mentioned that Peter was the disciple to John the Baptist and his brother Andrew intorduced him to Jesus (John 1:35-42). Jesus called him again by the lakeside (Mark 1:16), to work with Hinm, and then he was chosen to be one of the twleve disciples (Mathew 10:2).

+Jesus gave him the Armaic name of Kepha “Cephas” meaning “ the rock”.

+Peter was mentioned all the time as the 1st. His name was always mentioned the 1st (Mathew 10:20. Also the 1st of the disciples who were near the Master during the configuration (Mathew 17:1), the duaghter of Jarius (Mark 5:37), in the garden (Mark 14:33).

+He was the most outspoken member of the disciples who confessed the divinity of Christ (Mark 8:29).

+ He was full of loyalty towards Jesus (John 13:37-38), (John 6:67-68), but his denial represented his human weakness (Mark 14:66-71).

+ The Lord appeared to Him after the Resurrection (Luke 24:34) and recommissioned (reinstated?) him (John21:15-19).

+After resurrection he suggested a replacement for Judas. (Acts 1:15-26).

+On the day of the Pentecost, he was outspoken among the Church (Acts 2).

+He healed the lame man (Acts 3:3-8); he showed the power of the Holy Spirit in the church in the care of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:3-8).

+He declared the salvation of the jews (Acts 2:10, 38) and the gentiles in the care of Cornelius (Acts 10).

+It se3esm that after the angel saved him from the prison (Acts 12), he left Jerusalem. St James was the leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17, 15:13).

+St Paul was the Apostle of the Gnetiles (Gal 2:7).

+We knew that St Peter attended the Jerusalem council (Acts 15), he was in Antioch (Gal 2:11), may be in Corinth (1 Col 1:12) and preached from one place to another(1 Col 9: 5)

+At last he went to Rome and was crucified upside down after he declared that he did not want to be crucified in the same manner as his beloved Lord Jesus Christ was, approximately 67 AD.

+We celebrate his matryrdom with St. Paukl on the 12th of Julv (5 Abib).

+He wrote two epistles to encourage the believers to accept the suffering in hope.

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St. Peter

Fill in the blank spaces with suitable words:

1) St Peter was a disciple of, and was introduced to Jesus by his

His Hebrew name is

Jesus gave him the Aramaic name of which means and equivalent to

His home was at In

2) The Lord appointed St Peter as one of the Apostles.

The names of the twelve are,,,,,,,,,, and

3) The three who made up the inner circle around the Master were, and

4) While John the beloved was the Disciples, Peter was the

5) St Peter could not forget the three events his master was in the flesh:

a)

b)

c)

6) Two events St Peter could not forget between the resurrection and Ascension of Christ:

a)

b)

7) The most powerful day in the life of St Peter was where people were

- 8) A remarkable day in the life of St Peter was when he raised from

- 9) A remarkable day in the life of the church was when St Peter baptised
- 10) The glorious day in the life of St Peter was the day of On the

QUESTIONS

+ From your study of the life of St Peter. What were the main characteristics of his personality? Give examples

- 1)..... 2).....
 3)..... 4).....
 5).....6).....

+ St Peter as a human being, had weaknesses and also had strength, different moments in his life showed this fact. Explore some of these examples in his life and use examples

Moments of Weakness	Moments of Strength
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	
7)	

+The Lord knows Peter as a human being withall his characteristics and defects. Explore how the Lord dealt with him and converted him to be suitable for the the kingdom of heaven?

St Peter lived with our Lord while He was in the flesh and this period effected his life. What value can be learnt or gained from this his (St Peter's experience)?

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