

LUKE: PETER THE DISCIPLE

4:38-9 The First Meeting Leaving the synagogue he went to Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was in the grip of a high fever, and they asked him to do something for her. Standing over her, he rebuked the fever and it left her. And she immediately arose and began to serve them.

5:1- 11 The Call of Peter Now it happened that he was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesareth with the crowd pressing round him, listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats at the water's edge. The fishermen had got out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boat's - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, *Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.* Simon replied: Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing; but if you say so, I will pay out the nets. When they had done this, they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear. So they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled both boats to sinking-point.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man. For he and all his companions were completely awestruck at the catch they had made; so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon: *Do not be afraid. From now on it is people you will be catching.* Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

6:20-26 The Beatitudes Fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

How blessed are you who are poor: the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are hungry now: you shall have your fill.

Blessed are you who are weeping now: you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes, and dance for joy: look! Your reward will be great in heaven. This was how their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich; you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have plenty now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who are laughing now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when everyone speaks well of you! This was how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

22:24-34 Apostolic Authority An argument began about which if them was the greatest. But Jesus said to them: *Among the pagans it is the kings who lord it over them, and their great men are called Benefactor. This must not happen among you. No: the greatest among you must behave as if he were the youngest: the leader as if he were the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves.*

You are the men who have stood by me faithfully in my trials; and now I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father conferred one on me: you will eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will be enthroned to judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon! Look, Satan has got his wish to sift you all like wheat; but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail; and once you have recovered, you must strengthen your brothers. Simon answered: Lord, I would be ready to go to prison with you, and to death. Jesus replied: *I tell you, Peter, by the time the cock crows today you will have denied three times that you know me.*

22:54-62 The Breaking of Peter They seized Jesus then, and led him away, and took him to the high-priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard, and Peter sat down among them. As he sat there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him, and said: This man was with him too. But he denied it; Woman, I do not know him, he said. Shortly afterwards someone else saw him and said: You are one of them too. But Peter replied, I am not, my friend. About an hour later another man insisted, saying: This fellow was certainly with him; why, he is a Galilean. Peter said, My friend, I do not know what you are talking about. At that instant, while Peter was still speaking, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered the Lord's words when he had said to him: *Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times.* And he went outside and wept bitterly.

24: 9-12 Running to the Tomb The women returned from the tomb and told all this to the Eleven...but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense; and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went off to the tomb, running: he bent down and looked in and saw the linen cloths and nothing else: then he went back home, amazed at what had happened.

Acts 2:14ff Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and said in a loud voice: Men of Israel, and all you who live in Jerusalem...listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you imagine: it is nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet foretold: *In the last days, says the Lord, I shall pour out my spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, your old people dream dreams; even on the slaves, men and women, shall I pour out my Spirit: I shall show portents in the skies above, and signs on the earth below. The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the Day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible Day, and all who call on the Name of the Lord will be saved.* Men of Israel, listen to what I shall say. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified and killed by men outside the Law. But God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him, *I kept the Lord ever in my sight: with him at my right hand, nothing can shake me; so my heart rejoiced, my tongue delighted; my body too will rest secure, for you will not abandon me to Hades, nor allow your Holy One to know corruption; you will show me the path of life, the fulness of joy in your presence.* Brothers, no-one can deny that David himself is dead and buried...but since he was a prophet...he spoke with foreknowledge about the resurrection of the Christ: *he is the one who was not allowed to know corruption...* God raised this man Jesus to life, and of that we are all witnesses...for this reason the whole of Israel can know that this Jesus whom you crucified is both Lord and Christ.