

# The 12 Who Walked with Jesus: Peter

## John 1

### 1. Peter's **call** and **following** of Christ (John 1:35-42)

- Peter's brother, **Andrew**, brings him to the Lord
- Our Lord sees us for who we can become by His grace
- Peter (Petros), meaning "stone" or "rock" is his **Greek** name
- Cephas is the **Aramaic** version
- Simon was his given name or **Jewish** name
- "Simon" was very common
- Simon Bar-Jonah means "Son of **John**"

### 2. Peter's **confession** and **faith** in Christ (John 6:60-69)

*"Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:17-18)*

- The Lord's response indicates He will build His church on such "rock-solid faith" like Peter has displayed
- The Church belongs to the Lord (1 Tim. 3:15)
- Christ is the **Head** of the Church (Col. 1:18)
- Christ is the **Foundation** of the Church (1 Cor. 3:11)

- Peter is one of the **pillars** of the church (Gal. 2:9), a leader in the early church, but not The Leader of the Church!

### 3. Peter's **cowardice** and **failing** regarding Christ

*"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."* (1 Cor. 10:12)

### 4. Peter's **commissioning** and **forgiveness** from Christ

- The world is into "cancel culture." Christ is into forgiveness, mercy, and second chances
- Jesus approached this wounded situation with Peter with **blessings** not more burdens. The story of Jacob and Esau's reunion is a great reminder of this (Gen. 33:1-11)
- How do we deny the Lord today?