

PETER...

Heart of Gold...

Feet of Clay!

# WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

What transformed  
the obscure fisherman from Galilee  
into the mighty Apostle Peter,  
the leader of the early church?

## The Transformation of Peter...Five Factors:

1. The Prayers of Jesus, Luke 22:31-32
2. The Resurrection of Jesus!
3. The Coming of The Holy Spirit!  
John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1ff
4. He Spent Time With Jesus, Mark 3:13-14;  
Acts 4:8-13.
5. Jesus' Charge to him, John 21:15-17.

# PETER'S CALLS

## Observations about God's Call To Peter...

- It was a “Sovereign” Call!
- It was a Gracious Call!
- It was a Radical Call!
- It was a Progressive Call!
- IT was a “Supra-Rational” Call!

# Observations about God's Call To Peter...

Peter Responded to Jesus' Call!

God does not call the qualified...

He "qualifies" the called!

The primary "abilities God is looking for are...

Availability (**Willingness**) and

Dependability (**Faithfulness**)

## When Jesus Told Peter...

**“Put out a little way from the land.”**

Peter obeyed when it was a “little thing.”

Peter obeyed when it “made sense.”

**“Put out in the deep water and cast your nets.”**

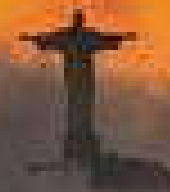
Peter obeyed when it was a “big thing.”

Peter obeyed, even when it “made NO sense!”

*Christianity, if false, is of no importance,  
and, if true, of infinite importance.*

*The one thing it cannot be is  
moderately important.*

*C. S. Lewis*





# PETER AND HIS FRIENDS

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# PETER AND HIS FRIENDS

Peter, James, and John  
were an “inner circle”  
of “special friends” of Jesus,  
among all of the other apostles.

## FOUR OCCASIONS WHERE JESUS DEALT WITH PETER (AND JAMES AND JOHN) ALONE...

- Healing Jairus' daughter, Mark 5:22-43.
- The Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-8.
- Answering Questions concerning prophecy, Mark 13:3-37
- In the Garden of Gethsemane, Mark 14:32-42

# WHY MIGHT JESUS HAVE INCLUDED PETER (AND JAMES AND JOHN) AT THESE EVENTS???

- Healing Jairus' daughter, Mark 5:22-43.
  - ✓ Peter needed to learn the power of God...
  - ✓ Peter also needed to learn His compassion.
  - ✓ Peter needed to learn the power of faith over fear! (Mark 5:36)

# WHY MIGHT JESUS HAVE INCLUDED PETER (AND JAMES AND JOHN) AT THESE EVENTS???

- The Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-8.
  - ✓ Peter needed to see the absolute holiness of Jesus!
  - ✓ Peter needed to see the absolute deity of Jesus!

# WHY MIGHT JESUS HAVE INCLUDED PETER (AND JAMES AND JOHN) AT THESE EVENTS???

- Answering Questions concerning prophecy, Mark 13:3-37.
  - ✓ Peter needed to understand God's prophecies, THAT God's program for Israel is NOT finished, yet!

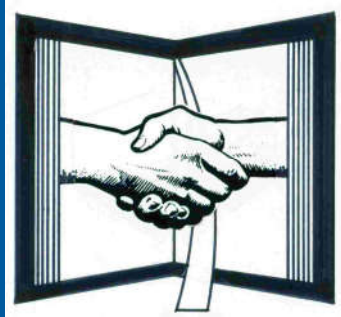
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- In the Garden of Gethsemane, Mark 14:32-42
  - ✓ Peter needed to know the absolute necessity of prayer!
  - ✓ Peter needed to be shown the importance of faithfulness!
  - ✓ Jesus wanted the support and encouragement of His friends at that time!

## LIKE PETER, WE NEED...

- To know the holiness and Deity of Jesus!
- To know the power and the compassion of Jesus!
- To know the power of prayer.
- To know the necessity of faith...and faithfulness!
- To know God's plan for Israel!
- To understand the importance of friendship, fellowship, and community.





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