

THE BEGINNING OF PETER'S DISCIPLESHIP

Peter's brother was Andrew. Andrew was a follower of John the Baptist. Andrew saw John point to Jesus and say, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29-42

Andrew went to Jesus and followed Him from that day forward. Andrew also introduced his brother Peter to Jesus saying, "We have found the Messiah." They all went to Galilee together. Jesus went to the synagogue in Capernaum, the home of Peter. Jesus preached with such boldness it amazed the people. Jesus cast a demon from a man who came into the Synagogue. That same day Jesus went to Peter's home and they found Peter's mother-in-law ill. Jesus healed her and she immediately prepared a meal. That same day people came to Peter's house seeking healing of all kinds of diseases. Jesus healed everyone of them. Luke 4:31-41

Day after day Jesus preached to multitudes who came to Him near the Sea of Galilee. One day Jesus saw two boats nearby and the men were cleaning their nets. Jesus asked Peter to let Him sit in the boat and teach the people from the boat. After this, Jesus told Peter to get into deep water and let down his nets. Peter was reluctant because they had caught nothing the night before. The nets were filled. Peter fell before Jesus and said "I am a sinful man." From that time forward Andrew, Peter, James, and John followed Jesus and left off fishing. Luke 5: 1-10

Foundational preparation for the discipleship of Peter:

The preaching of John the Baptist.

The introduction by Andrew.

The miracle at Cana.

The preaching of Jesus at the synagogue.

The miracles of Jesus at the synagogue and at Peter's house.

The preaching of Jesus by the Sea.

The miracle of Jesus with the catch of fish.

WHAT ENHANCES LIFE CHANGING FAITH?: SEEING RIGHT ACTION CHANGES IN SELF AND OTHERS

PETER SEEKS GOD

Blessed are those who know their spiritual poverty with God.

Blessed are they who mourn over their oppression (personal and national).

Blessed are those who thirst after righteousness (doing right).

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon Me, for the Lord has anointed Me to bring good news to the oppressed. He has sent Me to comfort the broken hearted over sin (personal and national) and to proclaim that captives to the bondage of sin will be released and prisoners will be set free from their sin. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Isaiah 61:1,2a

Jesus closed the book mid sentence. Luke 4:19 Isaiah 61:2b and the Day of Vengeance of our God (Second Coming), to comfort all who mourn (millennial reign).

There are 2000 years between 2a and 2b of Isaiah 61:2.

Jesus came to set people free from their sin, and not to set them free from the Roman government. Peter and his brother Andrew were oppressed by the Roman government and Judaism. They were seeking the Messiah. Finding the Messiah, Peter was ultimately released from his bondage to sin. Most of the 12 disciples were killed by the Roman government. All were heavily persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

Today, we are seeking the Second coming of the Messiah. Why? We are oppressed. I have been oppressed my entire life. I am oppressed by my personal sin. Thankfully the Holy Spirit has been leading me to recognize sin and repent of sin. We Christians are repenters. I have been oppressed by those who reject Jesus and make light of my beliefs. We experience oppression by other church members as well as those in the secular world who make light of our convictions.

I have been oppressed by the Jehovah's Witness cult because some family members fell into this cult.

I have been oppressed by the Protestant and the Catholic theology when it adds to the Word of God.

This oppression has been good for me because it drove me into God's Word to compare Scripture with Scripture and find truth. You don't own the truth until you go to war to find it. You don't own the truth by just believing what others have always said (the traditions of men).

