

The apostles are listed in the same order 4 times in Scripture: Matt. 10:2-4, Mk. 3:13-19, Luke 6:13-16, Acts 1:13.

### **Introductions to Two Apostles: Peter the Rock and Andrew the Evangelist**

**Introducing Peter, the Rock:** a) John 1:38-42, Andrew found Simon and brought him to meet Jesus. b) Jesus asserts authority over Simon, calling him Cephas, or Peter, the rock. c) Matt. 4:18-20, Peter was called while fishing and left everything to follow Christ. d) He was trained by Jesus to be the leader of the 12. Peter was always listed 1<sup>st</sup> in Scripture. e) Peter, James, and John were present at Jesus' transfiguration, Matt. 17:1. f) Peter was present at the healing of Jairus' daughter, Mk. 5:37. g) Peter and John were asked to prepare the final Passover with Jesus, Luke 22:8. h) In the garden Peter was asked to watch and pray for Jesus, Mk. 14:33-34. I) Peter would be ready on Pentecost to lead the church, Acts 2:14, 22.

**Weakness of Peter:** a) Mk. 8:32-33, Peter rebuked Jesus, and Jesus called him Satan. b) Peter slept while Jesus prayed in the garden, Mk. 14:37. c) Peter denied Jesus three times, Mk. 14:27-31, Jn. 18:17, 25, & 27.

**Peter's Growth in Grace:** a) Peter asked questions of Jesus, Matt. 15:15 (parables), 18:21 (forgiveness). b) Peter learned he was the son of a King, Matt. 17:24-27. c) Peter saw the transfiguration of Christ, 2 Pet. 1:16-21. d) Peter asked about the coming of the kingdom, Mk. 13:1-13. e) Peter would be a fisher of men, Luke 5:6-11. f) Peter had a firm grasp of election, 1 Pet. 1:3. g) Peter went fishing after Jesus' resurrection and was reminded by Jesus to be a fisher of men, John 21:1-11.

**Peter's Faith:** a) Peter asked about what happens to the 12 after Christ leaves, Matt. 19:27-30. b) Peter knew Jesus was the Son of God, Matt. 16:16-20. c) Peter walked on water, Matt. 14:28-33.

**Peter's Love for Christ:** a) Peter followed Jesus with his whole heart, Mk. 14:31. b) Peter wanted to follow Christ unto death, John 13:36-38. c) Peter cut off the High Priest's servant's ear in the garden, Jn. 18:10-11. d) Peter joined John to see Jesus' empty tomb, Jn. 20:3-4. e) Peter jumped in the sea to swim to Jesus when he saw Him after His resurrection, Jn. 21:7.

**Peter's Restoration:** a) Peter wept bitterly for denying Jesus, Luke 22:60-62. b) Jesus made sure to have the angel tell Mary and Mary to call the disciples **AND** Peter to meet Jesus in Galilee, Mk. 16:6-7. c) Jesus questioned Peter three times to tend His sheep, Jn. 21:15-19. d) Peter's message to shepherds are for them to shepherd the flock among them, 1 Pet. 5:1-4.

**Peter's Ministry:** a) Peter lead the 11 to choose another to replace Judas, Acts 1:15-20. b) Peter provided the qualifications for who would be chosen, Acts 1:21-22, and Christ provided His choice of Matthias. c) Peter stood to preach on Pentecost to the 3,000, commanding them to repent of their sins of murdering Christ and unrighteousness, Acts 2:14-36. d) Peter preached to Cornelius' household and testified that the Holy Spirit had been given to the Gentiles, Acts 10:1-23. e) Peter is rebuked by Paul for treating Jews and Gentiles differently, Gal. 2:11-14. f) 1 Peter written to those in churches he helped establish about persevering in persecution, suffering, and trial. g) 2 Peter was written concerning the end times and false teachers who would come.

**Andrew the Evangelist:** a) Was baptized by John the Baptist, John 1:35-42. B) Andrew lived with Peter, Mk. 1:29. c) Andrew introduced Peter to Jesus, John 1:42. d) Andrew introduced the Greeks to Jesus, John 12:20-22. e) Andrew brought the boy with the loaves and fish to Jesus, John 6:8.

**Andrew's Place:** a) In the shadow of Peter, humble and submissive. b) Andrew joined James, John, and Peter to ask questions of Jesus, Mk. 13:3.

**Andrew's Determination:** a) Andrew was part of the 11 to witness to Jerusalem, Judea, and to the ends of the earth, Acts 1:13. b) Never complained about not being in the limelight.

**What Became of Peter/Andrew:** Peter traveled around Asia Minor establishing churches. Arrived in Rome around 63/64 AD. He was tortured after being arrested and was crucified June 29, AD 65. Jesus predicted his death in John 21:18-19. Andrew traveled around the Black Sea, Galatia, present day Romania, Russia, and Istanbul. He was crucified on an 'X' shaped cross on November 30, AD 69.

## **Further Discussion and Application**

We see the commitment of Peter and Andrew to be faithful to their calling to spread the Gospel. How did they demonstrate humility and provide us a pattern to follow? 2 Peter 1 gives us great hope for the future. What do we learn from Peter's words in 2 Peter 1? What promises do we see in 2 Peter 1?

What are the hallmarks of a christian life when considering what Peter and Andrew suffered and endured to finish their race? We have the completed Scriptures and a fuller knowledge of Jesus found in the Bible. How should we pursue Christ and the work of His kingdom? What should our passion be for Him and the Gospel work? How the word of God be our source of strength to finish our race and bring honor and glory to the Lord?

What do both of these men demonstrate about the faithfulness and kindness of the Lord? We see the power of forgiveness in Christ to forgive Peter and Andrew for denying and fleeing Him. What is the message of hope for those in Christ? What are Christ's promises in John 17:20-26 to those who would hear the teaching and preaching of the apostles?