

Answer Key:

Easter 2023

The ordinary Peter

- endearing
- dynamic
- identify
- inappropriate
- undying
- swearing
- single

Peter's Story

1. Call
2. moment
3. fall
4. restoration
5. leadership

Mark 1: 16-17 NIV

"As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Introductory Statement

One of the amazing aspects of Peter's life is his recovery by God's grace from one of the most public failures, and one of the deepest personal embarrassments of all time. Peter is forever on record for denying that he even knew Jesus not once, not twice but three times. Peter's testimony gives us hope of forgiveness and restoration.

The ordinary Peter

- Peter is one of Scripture's most _____ characters.
- There is just something _____ about his personality.
- It is so easy to _____ with him because he is so utterly human.

- We see him opening his mouth at _____ times and saying outlandish things.
- One minute you will find him promising _____ devotion to Jesus, and the next he's standing in a courtyard _____ he is never even heard of Jesus.
- Peter is every single one of us.

Peter's Story

1. Peter's _____.

Luke 5:1-11 NLT

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So, he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be

afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

2. Peter's big _____.

Luke 9:18-20 NLT

One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" Well, they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!"

Matthew 16:16 NIV

"Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

3. Peter's _____.

Matthew 26: 69-75 Message

All this time, Peter was sitting out in the courtyard. One servant girl came up to him and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean." In front of everybody there, he denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about." As he moved over toward the gate, someone else said to the people there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." Again he denied it, salting his denial with an oath: "I swear, I never laid eyes on the man." Shortly after that, some bystanders approached Peter. "You've got to be one of them. Your accent gives you away." Then he got really nervous and swore. "I don't know the man!" Just then a rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." He went out and cried and cried and cried.

4. Peter's _____.

John 21:15-17 GWT

After they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than the other disciples do?" Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked him again, a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of my sheep." Jesus asked him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt sad because Jesus had asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" So, Peter said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep.

5. Peter's _____.

Matthew 16:18 CEV

So I will call you Peter, which means "a rock." On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it.

It is our story!

Stories about Peter

- Peter's call to follow and become a fisher of men. Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 5, John 1
- Peter walks on water: bid me come to you. Matthew 14
- Peter's great confession and blunder: you are the Christ...and I rebuke you! Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9
- Peter on the mountain and in the garden. Matthew 17, 26, Mark 9, 14, Luke 9,
- Peter on forgiveness. Matthew 18
- Peter refuses a foot washing. John 13
- Peter vows never to desert even if the others do. Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13
- Peter defends Jesus, de-ears Malchus. John 18
- Peter denies Jesus. Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 18
- Jesus restores Peter. John 21
- Peter preaches on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Peter and John heal and preach. Acts 3-4
- Peter with Ananias. Acts 5
- Peter in Samaria. Acts 8
- Peter and Cornelius. Acts 10-11
- Peter arrested and freed. Acts 12
- Peter and the Jerusalem council. Acts 15
- Peter and Paul. Galatians 2
- Peter, author of two letters in the Bible.