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**Study No. 3
Peter - His Confession**



Matthew 16: 13-28

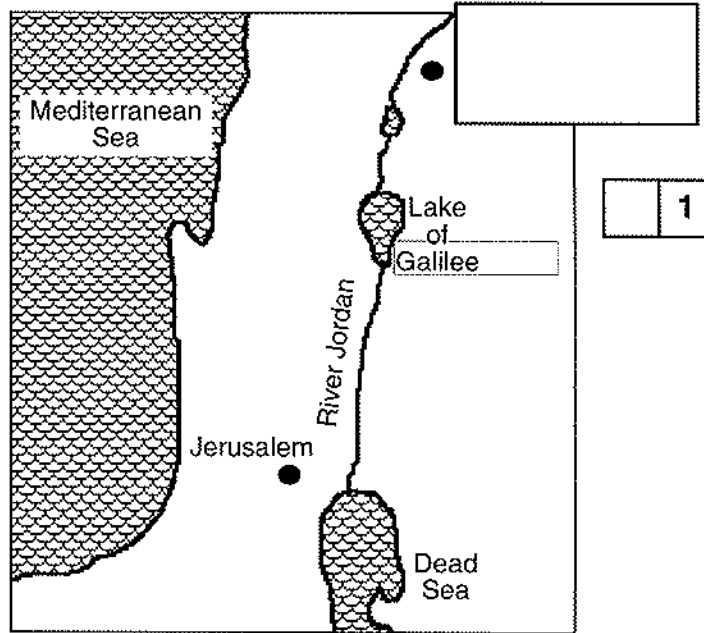
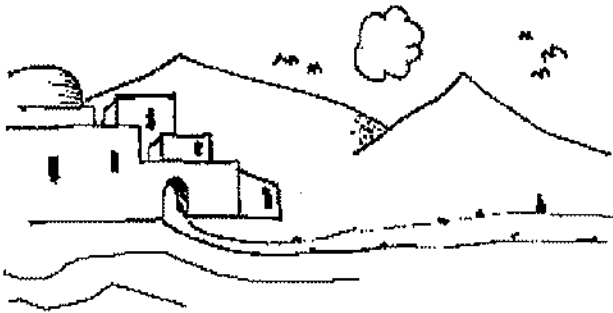
Suggested Further Reading
Ephesians 2: 18-22 Colossians 1: 18 1 Peter 2: 4-8



Romans 10: 9

In this study we leave the Lake of Galilee, and travel northwards.

In the box on the map, mark the name of the place which the Lord Jesus and the disciples visited.



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In this lonely place, Jesus asked His disciples TWO questions about Himself, the Son of Man.

Write out the first question.

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They were able to give 3 answers to this question. What were they?

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- 2. [Blank box]
- 3. [Blank box]

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None of these men (in the answers) had been on the earth for some time, but some Jews believed that they had come back again as a different person - Jesus! This may seem a very strange idea to us, because the Bible teaches that we die "once" (Hebrews 9: 27), and we don't return as someone else!

Now write out the second question.

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This question was different! It was much more personal. There was ONE disciple who was ready to give a very clear answer.

Who was that disciple?

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Write out his reply.

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What a remarkable confession this man made! He was really saying that he was sure that Jesus was the long promised Saviour (the "Christ" or "Messiah") and that He had come from God with whom He had a unique relationship. ("Son of the living God")

Ask **yourself**, "Who do I say Jesus is?" Many people have a great variety of opinions about Him, but for you, personally, the important thing is to confess Him as your Lord, believing in Him in your heart. That is the way to be saved!

Read, and write out, the Key Verse.

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The Lord Jesus heard Peter's answer and then spoke to him.

Read verses 17-20, and then put YES or NO after each of these:-

1. Jesus rebuked Peter for his foolish answer.
2. It was the Father in Heaven who revealed this to Peter.
3. Jesus spoke about destroying the Temple.
4. He said He would build His church.
5. The disciples were to tell everyone what Jesus said.

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When Jesus talked about "building My church", He did not mean erecting a stone building like a church today. In the Bible, the word "church" always refers to "people". The Lord was saying that in the coming years great crowds of people would believe in Him. These people are 'His church', no matter where they live. Each of us should think about this: Am I a member of His church?

From that time on, He talked about something very different (see verse 21). **What was it?**

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This reminds us that only by His death and rising again can people be saved and become part of His church. Once again it was Peter who spoke out!

How did Peter react to what Jesus said about His suffering and death?

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This time, Peter's words were very foolish, and the Lord Jesus had to speak very strongly to him.

Unscramble these four words, and put them in the right order to show what the Lord Jesus said to Peter.

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The answer Jesus gave shows how willing He was to die for us. He knew His death was necessary to remove our sin. No one, and nothing, would turn Him aside. Today, He calls us to "take up our cross and follow Him" (see verse 24). **Are you willing to do that NOW?**

For teacher's remarks

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