



CHECK OUT WHAT  
CATECHISM OF THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SAYS ABOUT THE  
PRIMACY OF PETER  
CCC 881



YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. MT 16:18

Did you know that in the New Testament Peter is mentioned 155 times and the rest of apostles combined are only mentioned 130 times. Peter is almost always listed first!

HAVE YOU EVER LET A FRIEND DOWN, OR BEEN THE ONE WHO WAS LET DOWN?  
WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE AMENDS?

LIST FOUR THINGS YOU KNOW ABOUT ST PETER

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WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM CATHOLIC PRODUCTIONS, "PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?"  
AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Who or what did Peter deny after Jesus was arrested?

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*"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, ... "before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times. And he went out, and wept bitterly" (Matthew 26:75).*

How will the triple denial of Peter be restored in this Gospel?

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What question did Jesus ask Peter three times?

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What could Jesus have meant by asking Peter, "do you love me **more than these?**" What did Peter proclaim to Jesus before the Passion?

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On a deeper level, what is Jesus calling Peter to by this question?

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Jesus is not just restoring Peter, but assigning him a particular office. What is it?

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What **three** responses does Jesus give to Peter's affirmations of love?

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What does the greek verb **poimano** translate as? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus reveal about Himself in John Chapter 10?

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How can Jesus and Peter both be the Shepherd of the flock?

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# PETER RESTORED

JOHN 21:1-19



The three questions Jesus asks correspond to the three \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter.  
The three exhortations establish Peter as \_\_\_\_\_.  
What does Peter's role as Chief Shepherd mean? What does Christ-like leadership look like?

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## Check these references which show Peter's Primacy among the apostles

- [Matt. 14:28-29](#)
- [Matt. 16:18](#)
- [Matt. 19:27](#)
- [Luke 22:31-32](#)
- [Matt. 16:16](#)
- [Matt. 16:19](#)
- [Mark 16:7](#)
- [John 20:4-6](#)
- [Matt. 16:17](#)
- [Matt. 18:21](#)
- [Luke 5:3](#)

Why do you think St Peter is patron saint of netmakers, shipbuilders, and fishermen and locksmiths?



## Now Read John 21:1-19

Have you ever been really nervous about meeting someone because you know you have let them down, or you're not sure if they're angry with you about something? The knot in the pit of your stomach grows tighter, your palms get sweatier, you'd love a reason to duck out and avoid the encounter altogether. Can you imagine how Peter felt when he met Jesus after the

Resurrection? Joy, excitement surely, beyond what he had ever known, but then the memory of his denial must have come flooding back. Not just once did he deny Jesus, but three times, and so soon after he said he lay down his life for Jesus! And now, Jesus who had been cruelly scourged, crucified, put to death only to rise again, stood in front of him, looking right into his heart asked him, "Peter, do you love me?" Peter encountered only love in that gaze from Jesus and with his heart took the first, second and third chance to tell Jesus that he did really love Him! No matter what we do, or how far we drift from Jesus, it's good to remember this story. Jesus loves us. When we are truly repentant He forgives us. In fact, He'll give us as many opportunities for grace as we need. Then we have to go and transmit that grace to others too, just like Peter did when Jesus restored Him.



MISSION!

IF YOU EVER HESITATE BEFORE SPENDING TIME ALONE WITH JESUS, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT BE AFRAID HE'LL SEE THE REAL YOU, DON'T WORRY! HE ALREADY KNOWS YOUR HEART AND LOVES YOU WITHOUT MEASURE! SET ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME TO SPEND IN PRAYER EACH DAY THIS WEEK - SET A REMINDER ON YOUR PHONE! COMMIT THOSE FEW MINUTES TO JESUS EVERY DAY, AND LET HIS GAZE DRAW YOU CLOSE TO HIM AGAIN!



PRAYER TIME!

*Lord, You see me: all that I am, all that I've done, and all that I'm capable of becoming. You call me to greatness in Your name. Show me how to trust in Your plan for my life, to not allow my weaknesses or insecurities to hold me back, but to give my all to You, each day. Amen*



## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PETER'S JOURNEY OF FAITH



- [Hillsong: I love You Lord / Passion](#)
- [Kristene di Marco: It is well](#)
- [Big Daddy Weave: Audience of One](#)
- [Victory Worship: New Beginnings](#)
- [Meredith Andrews: You invite me in](#)
- [Hillsong: From the Inside Out](#)
- [Lincoln Brewster: Surrender](#)
- [Nashville Life Music: Shepherd](#)

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Catholic Online



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Fr Mike Schmitz



The Rock of St Peter  
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