

**A word-search puzzle from the Bible Pages.
Theme: The apostle Simon Peter.**

50 words are hidden in this puzzle. They are printed across, or up or down, or diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line, with no letters skipped. Each letter may form a part of more than one word. All letters do not belong to words, and there is no "hidden message". Regarding the choice of words in this puzzle, see page 2.



List of words (all in some way related to the apostle Peter): AENEAS, ANDREW, ANTIOCH, APOSTLE, ARAMAIC, BABYLON, BEATEN, BETHSAIDA, CAESAREA, CAPERNAUM, CEPHAS, CONVERTED, CORNELIUS, DISCIPLE, DORCAS, EPISTLES, FISHERMAN, GALILEE, GETHSEMANE, GOODTIDINGS, HEALINGS, HEROD, IMPRISONED, ISRAELITE, JAMES, JERUSALEM, JESUS, JEWISH, JOHN, JOPPA, LYDDA, MARRIED, MIRACLES, PENTECOST, PETER, PETROS, PROCLAIMED, PROPHESED, SAMARIA, SANHEDRIN, SHADOW, SIGNS, SILVANUS, SIMEON, SIMON, SONOFJONA, STONE, TABITHA, TIBERIAS, WALKEDONWATER

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Regarding the choice of words in this puzzle

Those who are not very familiar with the Scriptures, might not know what connection the words in this puzzle have with the apostle Simon Peter. Below, the words that are included in the maze on page 1, are highlighted in bold style.

It appears that the **apostle**'s name was actually **Simon**, also spelled **Simeon** (possibly from the Hebrew/**Aramaic** *Shimown*). But, he was often called by the Aramaic name **Cephas** which meant “**stone**”, or the Greek *Petros* (whence “**Peter**”) which likewise meant “stone”. He was also called by the patronymic name “Barjonas”, in the Greek NT text *Bar-Iônas* and *ho huïos Iôna*, which is to say, “**son of Jona**”.

Simon Peter was **Jewish**, an **Israelite**. He was a **fisherman**, just as his brother **Andrew**. Apparently, they lived in the town **Capernaum**, but had perhaps lived even in **Bethsaida**. **Jesus** met them by the sea of **Galilee** where they were casting their fishing nets, and called them to become his **disciples** and apostles. Apparently, it was on that lake, that Jesus and even Peter, **walked on water**. That Galilean lake has also been called “the sea of **Tiberias**”.

It appears that Peter and the brothers **James** and **John** (also fishermen) formed some kind of an “inner group” among the twelve original apostles; see Matthew 17:1, Luke 8:51, 9:28 and Galatians 2:9. Peter was **married** (see Matthew 8:14), but we do not know more about his wife.

A few days after Jesus had ascended to Heaven (Acts 1), the disciples were all together in **Jerusalem**, on the day of **Pentecost** (Acts 2). At that time, they received the Holy Spirit, and became **converted**. Already on that very day, the apostle Peter and others with him, **proclaimed** the **Good Tidings**, in different languages, and **prophesied**.

The Lord worked many **healings** and other **signs** and **miracles** through Peter. Acts 5:12-15 records that many brought sick people to the streets, hoping that if the apostle Peter passed by, at least his **shadow** might pass over them (and heal them). Acts 9 tells us about a man by the name **Aeneas** who had been bed-ridden for eight years, and was healed by Peter. That same chapter records that a disciple called **Tabitha (Dorcas)** was raised from the dead, by Peter.

Acts 5:14-40 tells us that the Jewish council (the **Sanhedrin**) put the apostles (including Peter) in prison, but an angel of the Lord let them out. The council had them fetched back, and **beaten**, but after that, they let them go. Acts 12:1-10 tells us that even the Roman ruler **Herod imprisoned** Peter and was about to have him killed, but an angel rescued him.

Acts 10 records that in the town **Caesarea**, an angel told a righteous non-Jew by the name **Cornelius** to send for Peter. At that time, God showed to Peter (and to the other Jewish believers), that even non-Jews were acceptable to God.

Some of the places which the New Testament refers to in connection with Peter, where mentioned above. Other places: **Antioch**, **Babylon**, **Gethsemane**, **Joppa**, **Lydda**, **Samaria**. Peter wrote **epistles** (letters) to certain believers. 1 Peter 5:12 tells us that one of those letters was carried by **Silvanus** (Silas).

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