

**Adult  
Life Group**

July 22, 2017 Version 2

# The Apostle Peter: Failure and Triumph

## Faith – Mistakes – Restoration – Service

**The Point: Jesus can use anyone, we all can fail  
at times, Jesus restores, service to one another**

# Lesson Overview

- **Lesson Introduction**
- **Biography on the Apostle Peter**
- **Geographical Orientation**
- **Peter's Life with Christ**
- **Peter's Mistakes**
- **Peter's Turnaround**
- **How can we find restoration?**
- **What do we do after restoration?**

# Sometimes Our Best Plans can be Shipwrecked

## Question: In which ways do we mess up?



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# Before and After

## HOME EXTERIOR MAKEOVER BEFORE AND AFTER



<https://www.homestoriesatoz.com/decorating/home-exterior-makeover-before-and-after.html>

## Before and after, 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass



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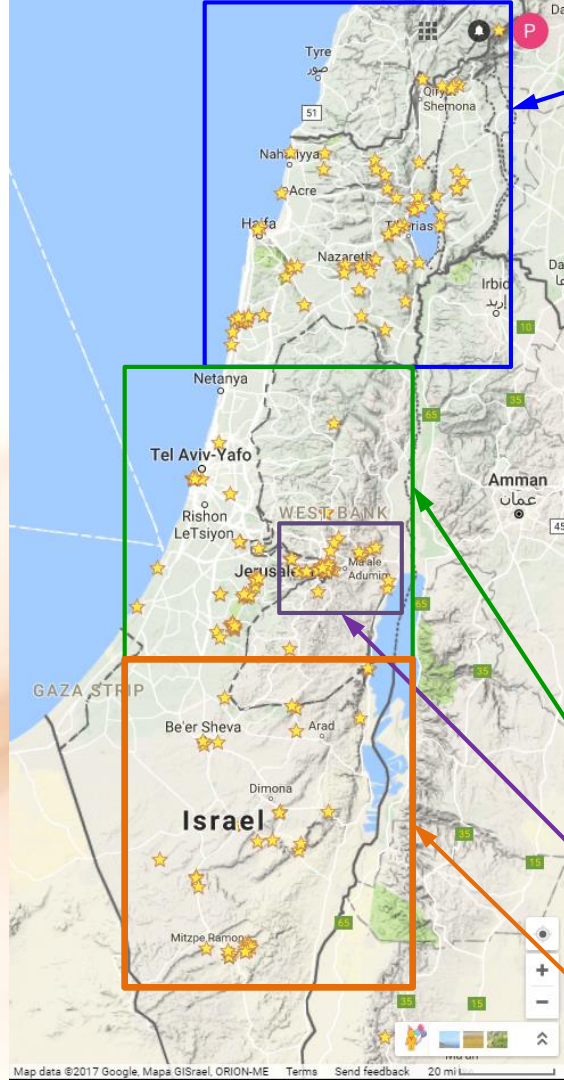
Northern Israel

# Israel Overview

Central Israel

Jerusalem Area, Israel

Southern Israel



# Biography on the Apostle Peter

Personal details	
Birth name	Shimon (Simeon, Simon)
Born	ca. 1 AD <a href="#">Bethsaida</a> , <a href="#">Roman Empire</a>
Died	between AD 64 and 68 (aged 62–67) <a href="#">Clementine Chapel</a> , <a href="#">Rome</a>
Parents	John (or Jonah; Jona)
Ordination	In AD 33 by <a href="#">Jesus Christ</a>
Occupation	<a href="#">Fisherman</a> , <a href="#">clergyman</a>



The  
Calling of  
Peter and  
Andrew  
(from the  
Maestà)

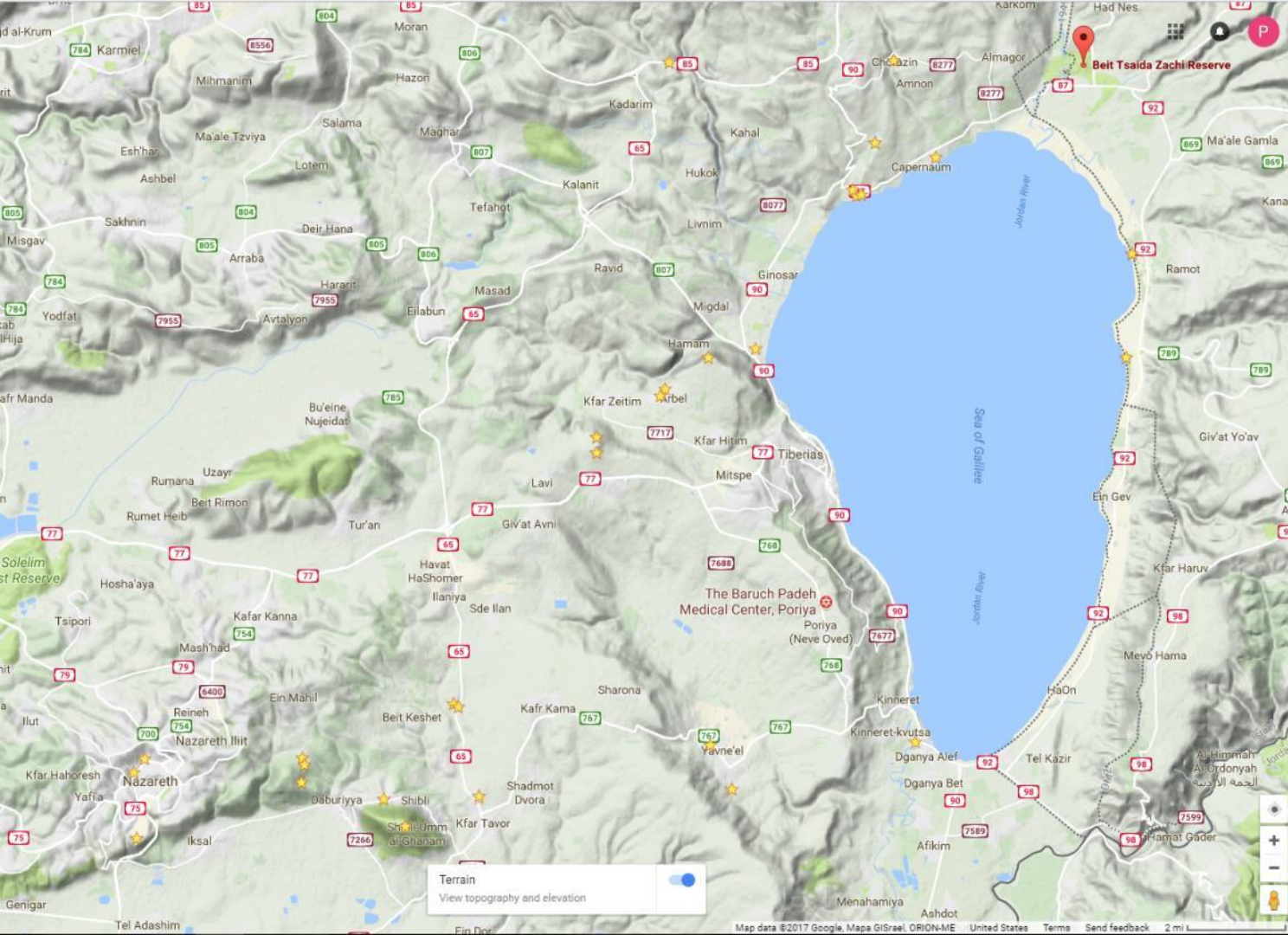


# Two Notable Events in Peter's Life

Apostle Peter  
striking the  
High Priests'  
servant  
with a sword  
in the  
Garden of  
Gethsemane



*The Denial of Saint Peter*, by Caravaggio



# Jesus' Primary Ministry Area

Peter's World

Nazareth to Capernaum  
about 40 miles



# Galilee from Bethsaida, Peter's Birthplace

(John 1:43, 12:21)

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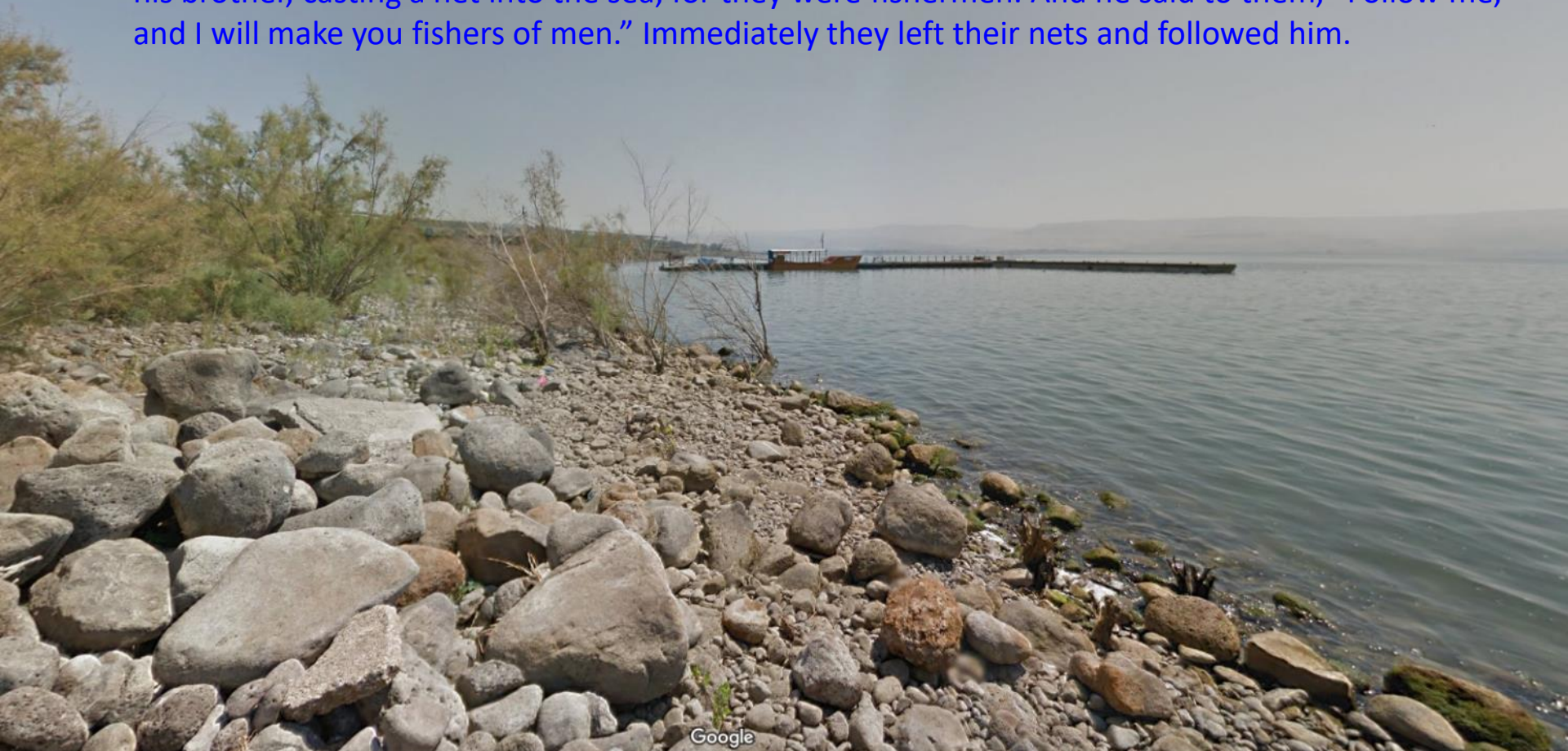
# Further Discussions of Peter's Life with Christ

Peter Event	Reference	Location of Event
Calling of Peter	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 4:18</u></a>	Shore of Galilee
Healing of Mother-In-Law	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 8:14</u></a>	Capernaum?
Walks on Water	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 14:28</u></a>	Sea of Galilee
Peter the Rock	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 16:13-18</u></a>	Caesarea Philippi
Peter rebuked	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 16:23</u></a>	Caesarea Philippi?
Transfiguration	<a href="#"><u>Matthew 17:1</u></a>	Mt. Tabor?
Jesus washes Peter's feet	<a href="#"><u>John 13:8-9</u></a>	Before Last Supper, Jerusalem
Cuts off right ear of high priest's servant	<a href="#"><u>John 18:10-11</u></a>	Brook of Kidron
<b>Peter's Denial of Jesus (lesson text)</b>	<a href="#"><u>John 18:15-18</u></a> <a href="#"><u>John 18:25-27</u></a>	courtyard of the high priest (Caiaphas)
Peter in the Tomb	<a href="#"><u>John 20:6</u></a>	Jerusalem
<b>Peter &amp; Jesus after resurrection (lesson text)</b>	<a href="#"><u>John 21:15-19</u></a>	Shore of Galilee



## **Jesus Calls the First Disciples: Matthew 4:18-20 (ESV)**

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.





## Odd Picture



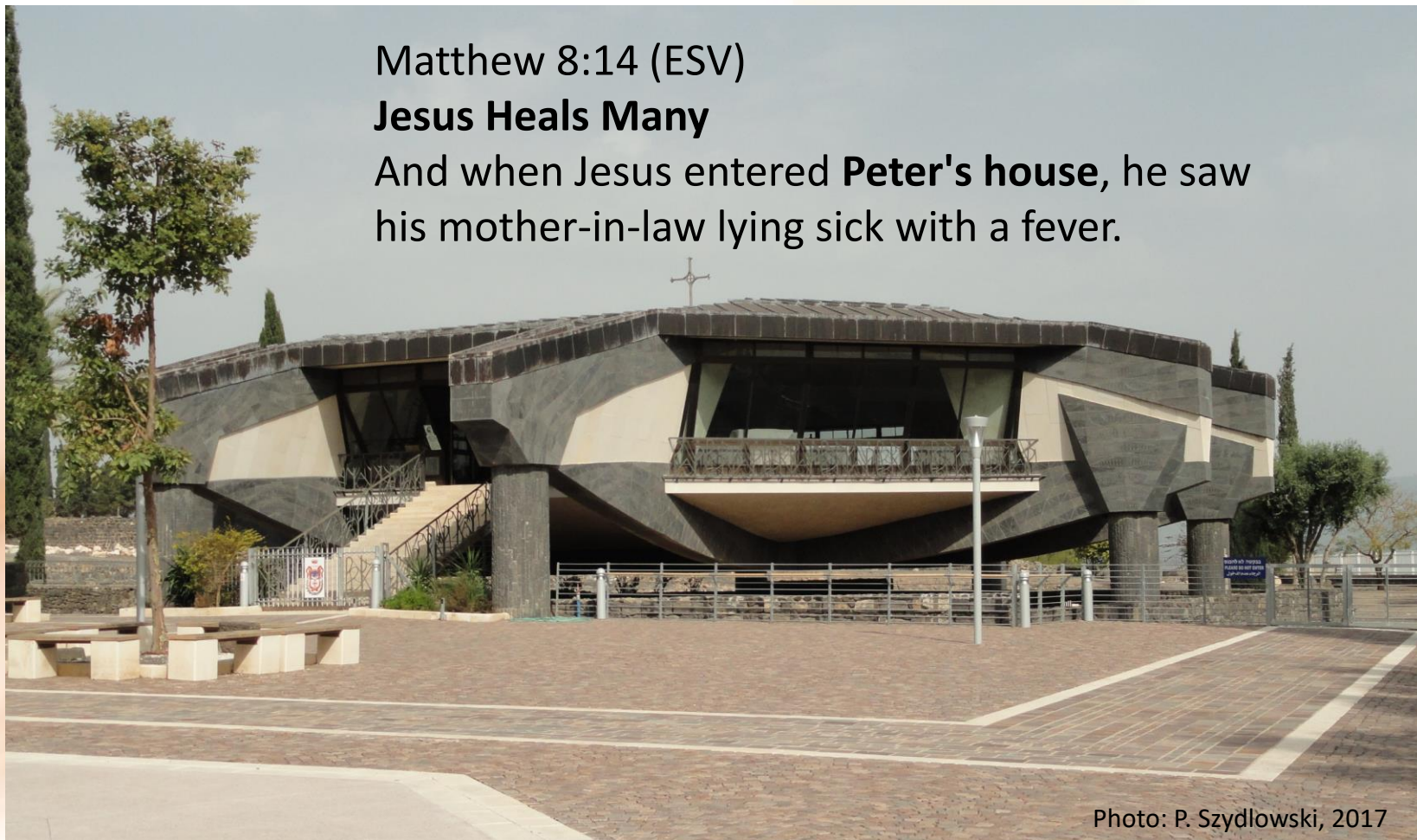
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# Worship center built over what is thought to be Peter's House

Matthew 8:14 (ESV)

## Jesus Heals Many

And when Jesus entered **Peter's house**, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever.





# Worship Center over Peter's House

Photo: S. Cooley, 2015





# What is thought to be Peter's House



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## Peter Walks on Water: Matthew 14:28 (ESV)

28 And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”





# Caesarea Philippi



Matthew 16:13-18(ESV)

## **Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the **gates of hell** shall not prevail against it.

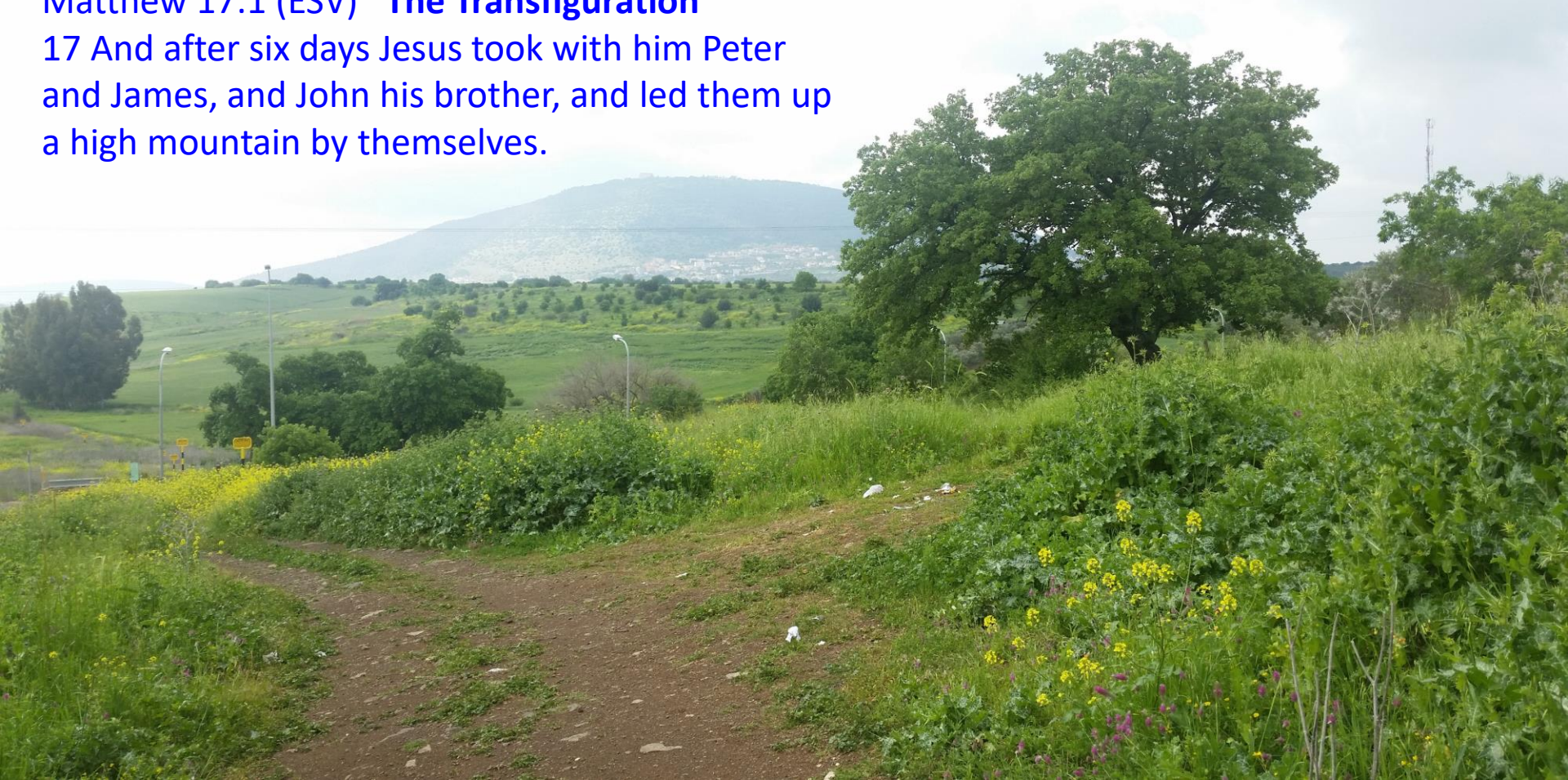


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Matthew 17:1 (ESV) **The Transfiguration**

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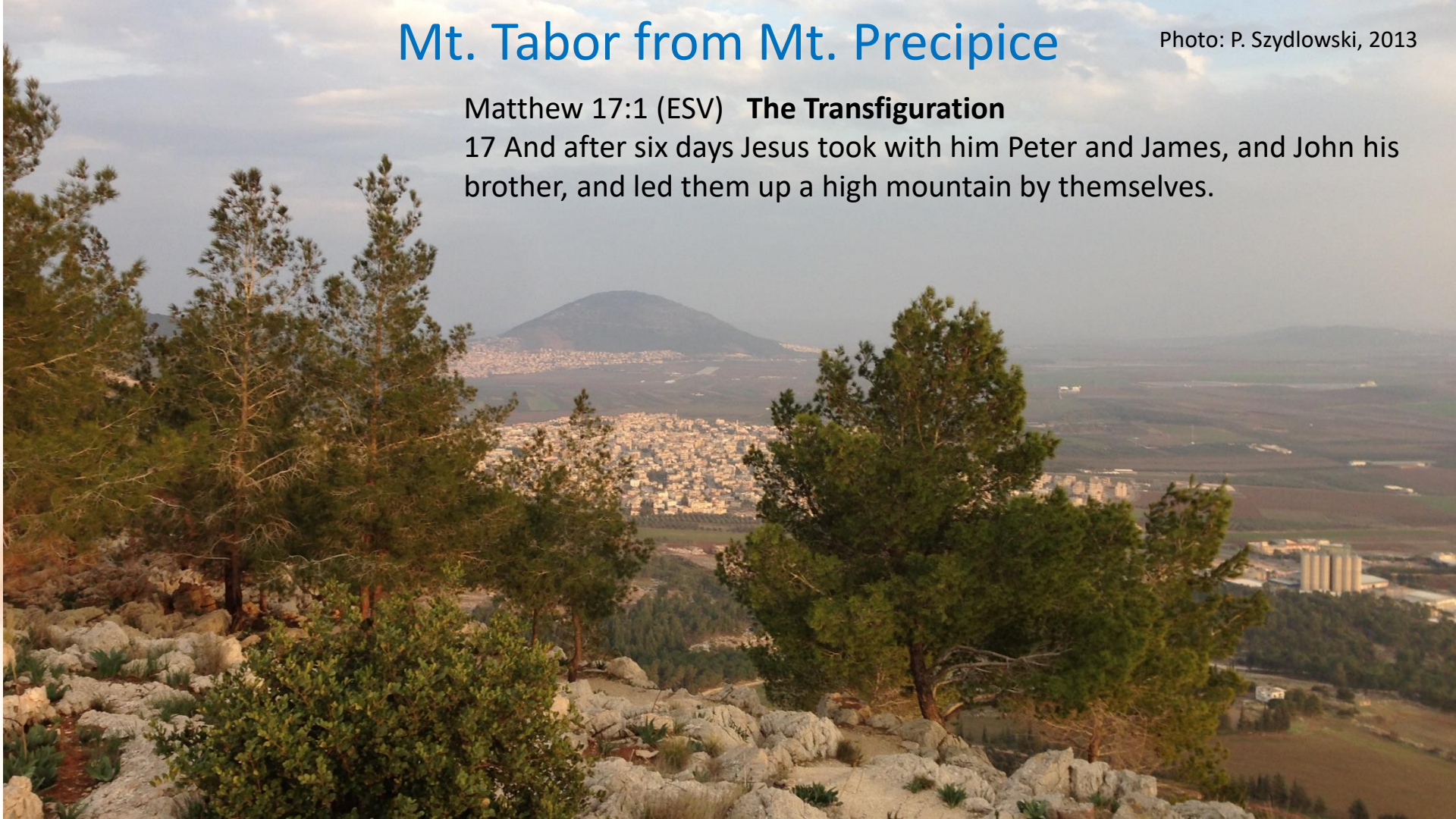


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# Jesus Washes Peter's Feet



John 13:8-9 (ESV)  
8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"



# Peter Defends Christ with His Sword

Apostle Peter  
striking the  
High Priests'  
servant  
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John 18:10-11 (ESV)  
10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"



# And Then...



# Peter's Denial of Christ

John 18:15-18 and then

John 18:25-27 (ESV)

## **Peter Denies Jesus Again**

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.



*The Denial of Saint Peter*, by [Caravaggio](#)

# **So what happened in Peter's life after the denial?**





# So what happened in Peter's life after the denial?

**Read:**

**Peter Humbled**  
**Luke 22:62**

**Peter Empowered**  
**Acts 2**

**Peter's Sermon**  
**Acts 2**

**Peter's Encounter  
with Risen Savior**  
**(Read next Slide)**

**Peter Heals Lamb**  
**Acts 3**

**Peter the Preacher**  
**Acts 1:15-22**

**Peter's Devotes & Gives  
his life for Christ**

# Peter's Turnaround

## PETER

### Most Improved Player and Turnaround Leader

Acts 3:1–26

**T**he apostle Peter may be the greatest turnaround leader in the New Testament.

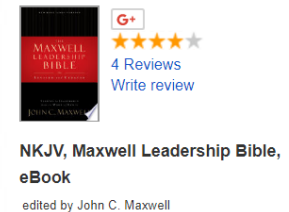
Peter—the same man who had promised to follow Jesus even if it meant death, but who cowered in fear when a mere servant girl identified him as one of the Lord's followers (Luke 22:56, 57)—spoke the name of Christ with great power and authority and without fear of the consequences.

Peter knew the danger of preaching Jesus. He knew the hostility it could elicit. He knew that by doing the will of God and preaching he would be taking his life in his hands. Still, he had no choice. He *had* to preach. He *had* to speak the name of Jesus. As he told the authorities, he could do nothing else. After the things he had seen and heard—after the powerful touch he had received from the Holy Spirit of God—he felt *compelled* to preach the gospel (Acts 4:19, 20).

So Peter preached . . . and the whole world turned upside down!

This is the kind of turnaround that occurs in the life of one touched by the Holy Spirit of God. When we have a genuine encounter with Jesus, when He transforms our hearts and minds and empowers us and emboldens us, we have no choice—we *must* preach the gospel, we *must* speak the Word of God

## PROFILE in leadership



NKJV, Maxwell Leadership Bible,  
eBook  
edited by John C. Maxwell



# {Your Name} do you love me?

John 21:15-19 (ESV)

## Jesus and Peter

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I **love** you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

16 He said to him a **second time**, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I **love** you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

17 He said to him the **third time**, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I **love** you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**love** = agapao love

**love** = phileo love

# How do we move past our failings, doubts, shortcomings?

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) As each has received a gift, use it to **serve** one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV) But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

1 Peter 5:7 (ESV) **Casting** all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

2 Peter 1:5 (ESV) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with **virtue**, and virtue with knowledge,

1 Peter 3:8 (ESV) Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a **humble mind**.