

Apostle Peter.

Peter was the son of Jonah .The original name was Simon peter and the Hebrew name was Simon, English Simeon which was easily shortened to Simon. He was familiarly known even after his surname Cephas was in common use. He was native of Bethsaida though later became a citizen of Capernaum where he had house. Peter and brothers were engaged in fishing business/industry in partnership with Zebedee and his sons James and John [mark ;1;16-31]. He was married and is probable later his wife accompanied him in his missionary tours (1cor 9;5. HE had some property he was not poor, grossly ignorant laborer. We do not know his level of education.

He was a Galilee real home; he was a Greek by culture by the Greek/gentile elements of the population. Simon had abundant opportunity of becoming well acquainted with colloquial Greek .His mother tongue was Aramaic, he was taught in his childhood .He did not learn Hebrew Scriptures (Acts 4:113).

Relation to Jesus

He was among the people who assembled to hear John the Baptist with his brother Andrew. They were attached to John as temporary disciples due to his words .Andrew met Jesus and at once sought of his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus who even foreshadowed his future career by saying that should be called Cephas [from Aramaic] means the Rock.

After moving with Jesus a while they wanted to return to their familiar occupation (fishing). When Jesus moved on his ministry in Galilee, Peter summoned his brothers to a more permanent discipleship “mark 16: 20”. For this directive their previous acquaintance with Jesus had prepared them, it was self-sacrifice that they left and followed him. He was first, Jesus attracted too during his early work in Galilee and it was a time testing of Simon. He was whole hearted often careless disciple. He accepted to learn and finally accepted and to become one the twelve disciples of Jesus, also associated with him, to learn from him, and sent out to declare his message and carry on his work ”mark 3:14 “