

FOLLOW ME

MADE BY JESUS

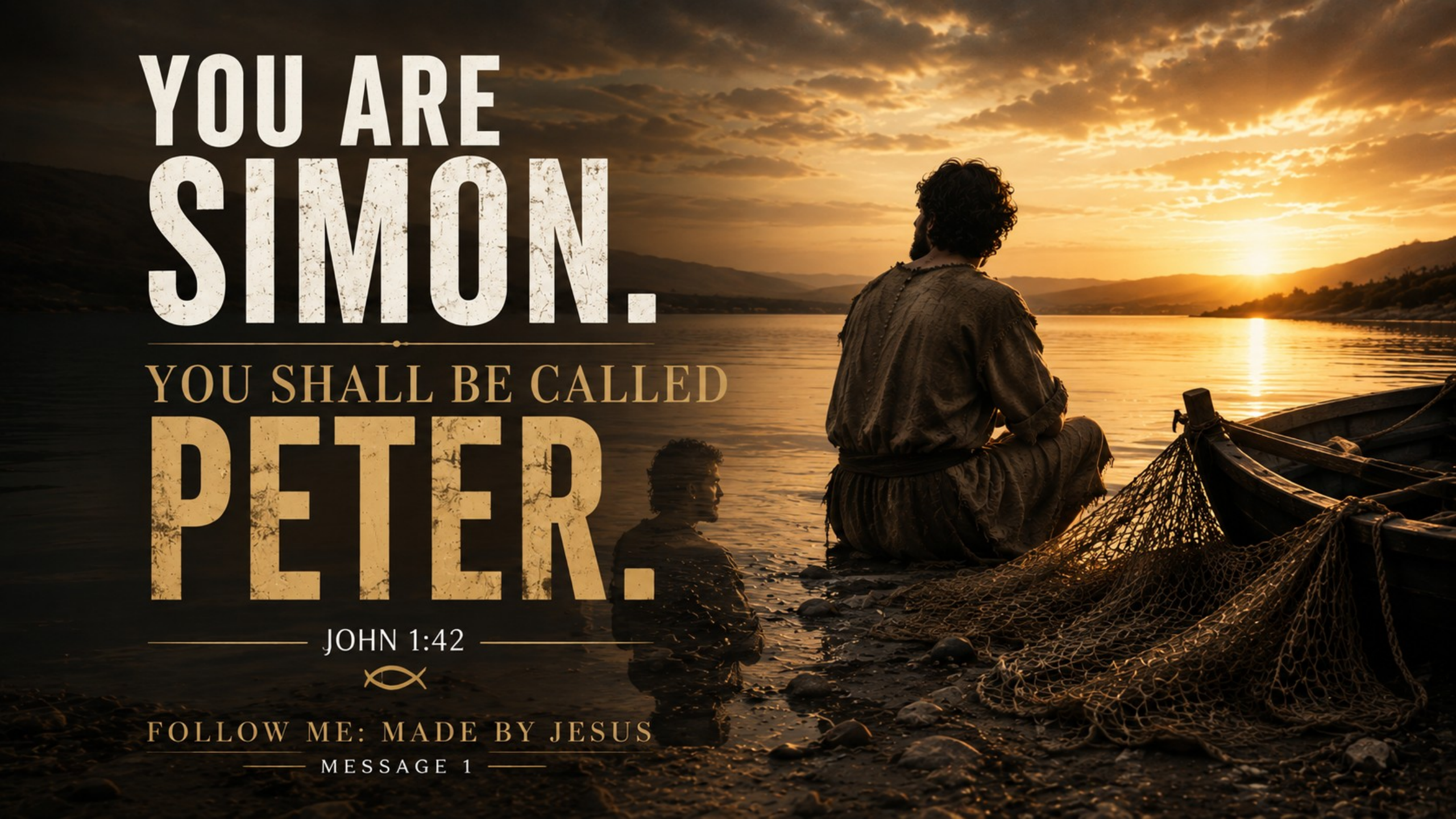
THE LIFE, MINISTRY, AND LETTERS OF PETER



MATTHEW 4:19

*"Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers of men."*





YOU ARE SIMON.

YOU SHALL BE CALLED
PETER.

JOHN 1:42



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MESSAGE 1

Peter is the man we follow. Jesus is the One we study.

We will watch Jesus call, teach, correct, restore, commission, and use an ordinary man for His glory.

“Follow Me, and I will make you...”

Matthew 4:19

Before Peter, there is Simon.

A Galilean Jew

from Bethsaida; later associated with Capernaum

A working fisherman

in business with Andrew, James, and John

A married man

with a household and mother-in-law

An ordinary man

without formal rabbinical training

John 1:44 • Mark 1:29–31 • Luke 5:10 • Acts 4:13

Before Simon knows Jesus, John has already told us who Jesus is.

THE WORD

1:1

GOD

1:1

CREATOR

1:3

LIFE & LIGHT

1:4-5

THE WORD MADE FLESH

1:14

THE LAMB OF GOD

1:29

THE SON OF GOD

1:34

The eternal Word is about to look Simon directly in the face.

Everything moves toward Jesus — and everything changes because of Jesus.

- 01 **John sees Jesus**
- 02 Two disciples follow Jesus
- 03 They stay with Jesus
- 04 Andrew finds Simon
- 05 Andrew brings Simon to Jesus
- 06 **Jesus sees Simon**
- 07 **Jesus names Simon**

I. Jesus draws men to Himself through the testimony of others.

“Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Faithful ministry points away from itself and toward Christ.

II. Jesus invites those who seek Him to come and know Him.

“What do you seek?”

“Come, and you will see.”

COME → SEE → STAY

They enter calling Him “Rabbi.” They leave convinced they have found the Messiah.

THE FIRST RECORDED QUESTION OF JESUS IN JOHN

What are you seeking from Jesus?

Relief? Answers? Success? A better life? Or Christ Himself?

John 1:38

III. Those who encounter Jesus naturally bring others to Him.

“We have found the Messiah.”

“He brought him to Jesus.”

Andrew brings Simon. Jesus makes Peter.

IV. Jesus sees who we are and knows what He intends to make of us.

“You are Simon...”

PRESENT REALITY

“You shall be called Cephas.”

FUTURE DECLARATION

Between “you are” and “you shall be” lies the transforming work of Jesus Christ.

Jesus looks intently at Simon.

ἐμβλέπω • emblepō

to look at attentively • to fix one's gaze upon

Simon has not said a recorded word.

Jesus already knows the man standing before Him.

Peter's story is not self-improvement.

It is not:

POTENTIAL → SELF-IMPROVEMENT → GREATNESS

It is:

**CALLING → DISCIPLESHIP → FAILURE → GRACE → RESTORATION →
USEFULNESS**

Jesus is not uncovering hidden greatness. He is transforming a sinner.

BIG IDEA

**Jesus knows the man He calls,
and He makes the man He intends to use.**

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John 1:35–42

JESUS KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

JESUS KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE NOT.

**JESUS KNOWS WHAT HIS GRACE
INTENDS TO MAKE OF YOU.**

FOLLOW HIM.

Next: Luke 5:1–11 • “Follow Me, and I will make you...”