



# Rebuilding Ancient Ruins

Isaiah 61:4

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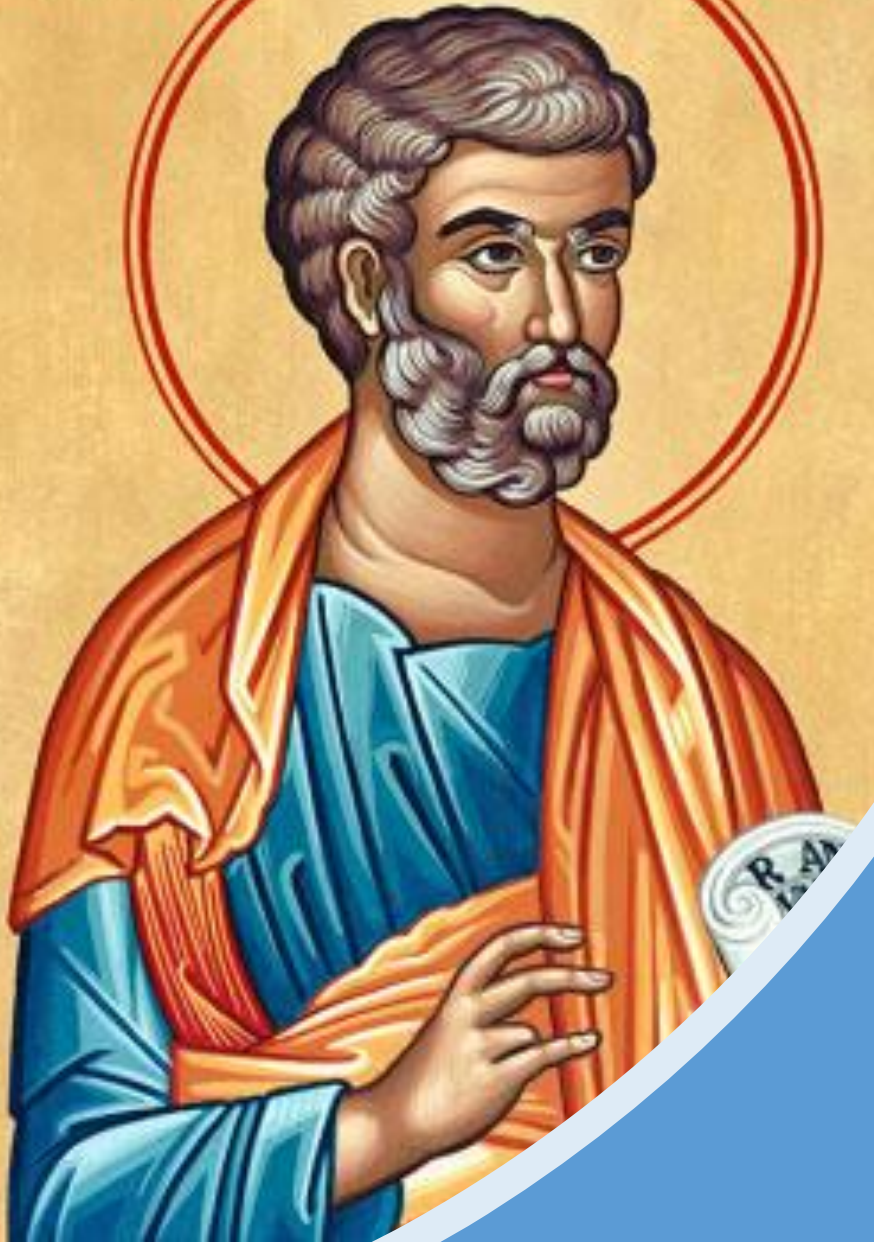
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A metaphor based on the restoration process which the Jewish people experienced when they returned from exile.



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PETER



Peter's impact  
on society

# Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

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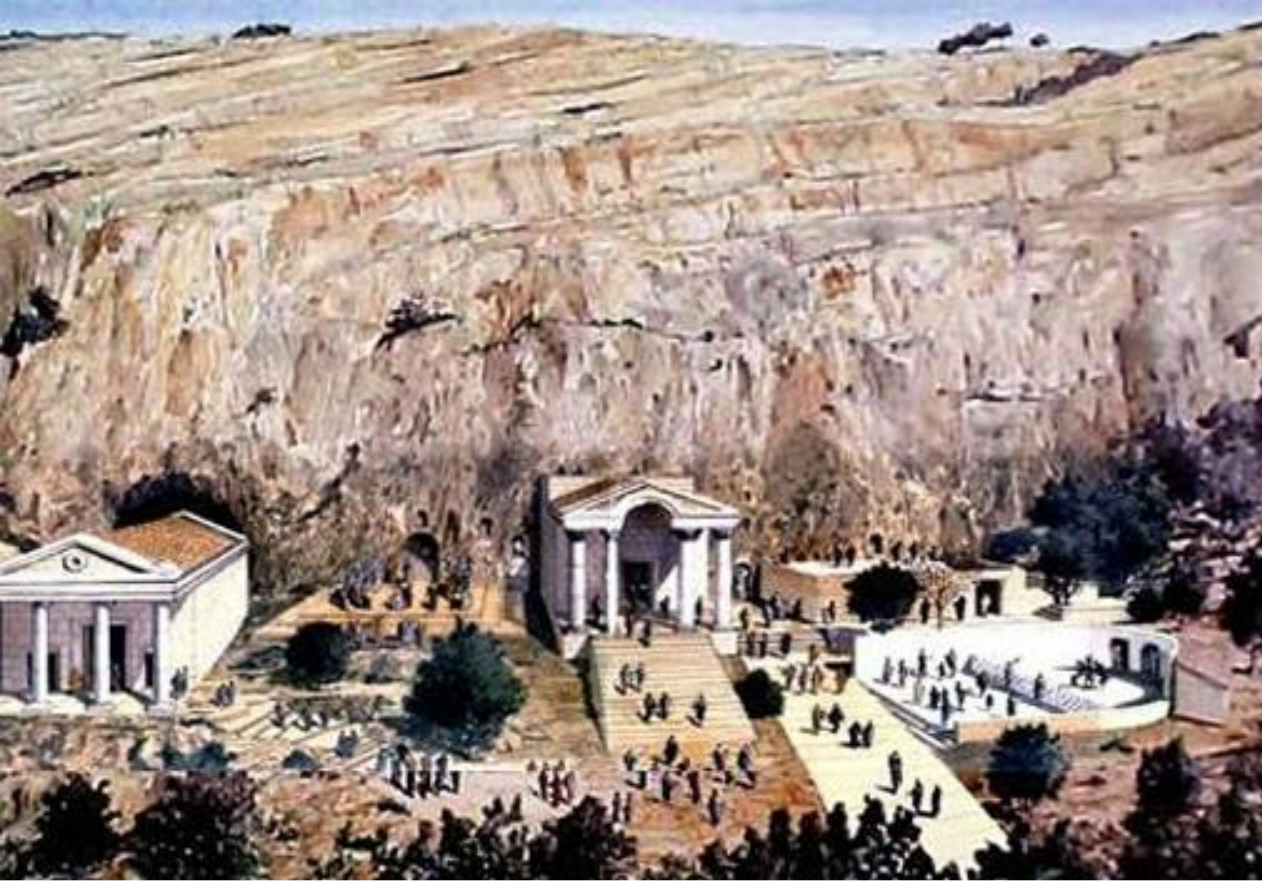
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# Gates of Hades - Caesarea Philippi

# Pentecost



# The Acts of Peter

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sermon - 3000 people start believing in Jesus
- Leads the church in Jerusalem
- Pray for Samaritans to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Healed the sick
- Raised the dead back to life
- Tells the gentiles (non-Jewish) about the good news of Jesus and they receive the Holy Spirit
- Arrested numerous times for preaching the good news of Jesus & and no longer conforming to Jewish traditions.
- 300 years later Constantine declares Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire.



How does  
Peter's story  
help us?

# What to do if you call yourself a Christian

- Prioritise spending time with God
- Keep on asking God to fill you with his Holy Spirit
- Tell people the good news about Jesus
- Be willing to challenge sinful behaviour within the Christian community
- Humble yourself if someone challenges your behaviour!



