

The Apostle Peter – Part 7

The rest of the story

October 9, 2023

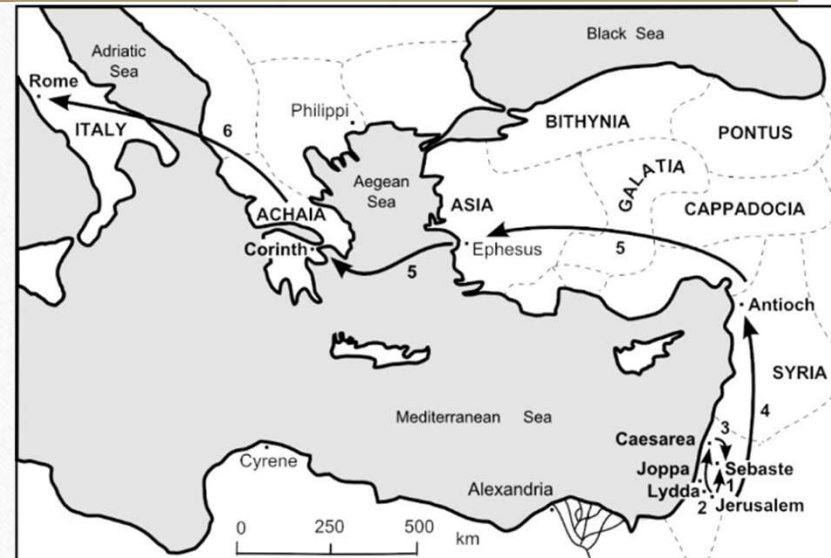


“On this rock, I will build
My Church”

A Map of Peter's Journeys

The rest of Peter's story, is about spreading the Gospel to other places and planting churches as he went. Living in obedience to what Jesus called him and us to do. The evidence of these travels are spread throughout the Bible and other historical sources.

- 33 – 48 AD
 - Peter and John are sent to Samaria
 - Peter travels to:
 - Lydda
 - Caesarea
 - Joppa
 - Ephesus
 - Corinth
 - Rome



Why do you think it was in God's plan to establish the church in Rome?

The house of Simon the Tanner

- In Acts 9:43 Peter travels to Joppa where he brings Tabitha back to life. This helps spread the Gospel. While there he stays with Simon the tanner



Peter Helps Establish Churches in Antioch and Rome

- Antioch was the 3rd largest city in the Roman Empire (modern day Turkey)



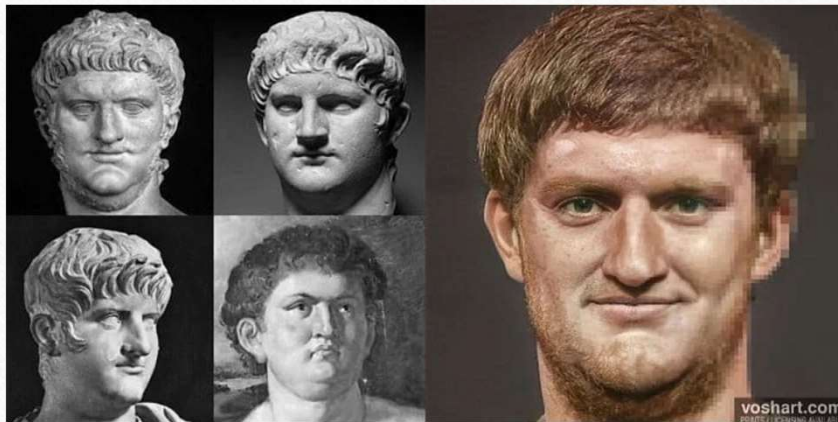
Example of an ancient church carved out of a mountain in Antioch (Turkey)



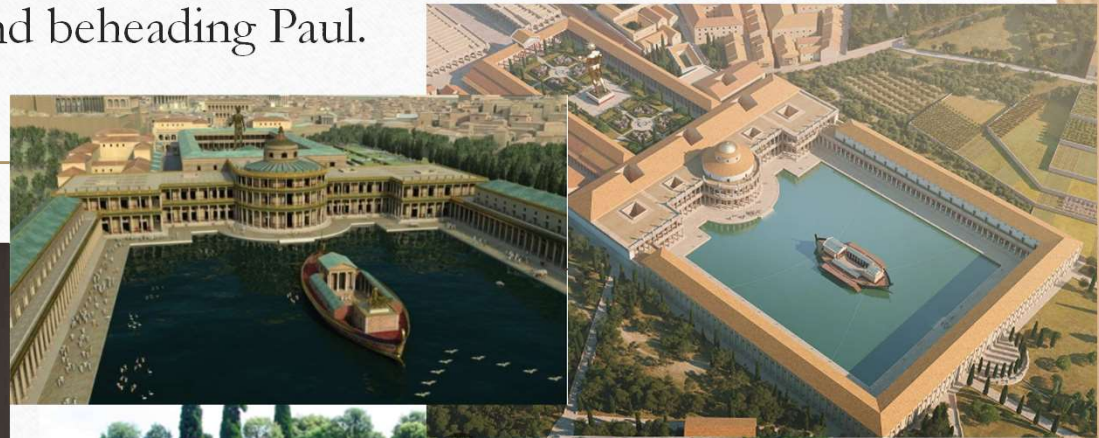
Example of a house church established in ancient Rome

Emperor Nero

- Nero was known to brutally punish and kill Christians. It is believed that he is responsible for crucifying Peter and beheading Paul.



What Nero may have looked like based on sculptures of him.



Nero's golden palace in Rome.

Peter Martyred in Rome

- There is historical evidence to support that Peter was crucified in Rome. According to these stories, Peter asked to be crucified upside down, as he felt he did not deserve the same death as Jesus.
-



But Peter's death helped spark a revolution and that flame spread across the whole world.
Rome was a key part of Gods' plan to spread the Gospel.

The Apostles Planted a Seed

Jesus called the Apostles to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. By preaching and establishing churches, the Gospel made it to some of the largest cities in the world and began to spread throughout the Roman empire.

- 21-25% of the entire world lived under Roman rule
- 59-76 million people



Constantine Converts Rome to Christianity

- His mother Helena was born a Greek and was a Christian.
- He became Emperor in 306 AD
- In 312 he was baptized
- In 325 he and other church bishops (leaders) made the Nicæan Creed and officially made Christianity the main religion of the empire



Christianity Spreads

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the ends of the earth.**



Questions

Have you ever felt that you just had to tell someone else something on your mind and that you were so happy about it couldn't hold it in?

That is what happened to the apostles when the Holy Spirit began to live in side them. They could not hold it in, they had to tell other people about Jesus and they spread it around the world.

It is sad that Peter died, but God used Peter's life and death to spread the Gospel and save people's lives so that we could one day be in Heaven with Him. Think about all the people that would one day see Peter in heaven and thank him for sharing the Gospel with them.

CONTACT US

www.kidsclub2020.com

Info@kidsclub2020.com

<https://kidsclub2020.com>

Kids Club

[Home](#) [Contact Us](#) [About Us](#) [Lessons](#)

Home



Welcome to Kids Club

Have Fun

Make New Friends

Learn About God

Contact Us At:

Info@KidsClub2020.com

For our Wednesday night Zoom meeting link, for prayer requests, or just to ask us questions about this ministry, please contact us any time. Or click on the contact form button below and we will be in touch soon!

Kids – Please get your parents permission or have them contact us.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK! From what country was Moses leading the Jewish people away from?

Submit your answer by email, or by clicking the contact form below and typing it into the message box!

Contact Form