

CATHOLICISM

EPISODE 5. THE INDISPENSABLE MEN PETER, PAUL AND THE MISSIONARY ADVENTURE

Bishop Barron calls Peter and Paul two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived. In telling each man's story, Bishop Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church.

Following the trail of these apostles as they took the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Bishop Barron presents the foundations of the apostolic faith, particularly the revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

OUTLINE

- I. Unique and United
 - A. Principal archetypes for disciples of Christ
 - B. Peter = kingly, leadership, governing
 - C. Paul = prophetic, missionary, teacher
 - D. United in apostleship and devotion to the Lord
- II. Peter of Capernaum
 - A. A fisherman and businessman; married; middle-class
 - B. Blustery, direct, strong-willed, but loyal
 - C. Name appears 191 times in the New Testament
 - i. Named first on lists of apostles
 - ii. Only apostle to be given a new name by Christ
 - iii. Exhorted by Jesus to strengthen his brethren
 - D. Transfiguration and Transformation
 - i. The prophecy and promise of the Cross
 - ii. Transfiguration: fullness of divine presences actions glory
 - iii. Peter's three-fold denial: from light to darkness
 - iv. Christ's three-fold affirmation of love and duty
 - v. Acts of the Apostles: Pentecost, preaching, Cornelius the centurion
 - E. The Call and the Confession
 - i. "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."
 - ii. Caesarea Philippi
 - a) Old Testament background (1 Kings. 4; Isa. 22)
 - b) Physical setting: site of pagan worship
 - c) Two questions (Matthew 16:13, 15)
 - d) Simon is renamed Petros/Kepha ("Rock")
 - e) Appointed prime minister; given keys to the kingdom
 - F. Peter: Apostle and Witness
 - i. Witness to the Resurrection of Christ
 - ii. Witness to the Gospel
 - iii. Martyred in Rome (c. A.D. 65)
- III. Paul of Tarsus
 - A. Devout Jew with perfect resume (Phil. 3:4-7)
 - B. Youth and education
 - i. Born in Tarsus (southeastern Turkey)
 - ii. A Roman citizen
 - iii. Comfortable with Roman, Hellenistic, Jewish cultures
 - iv. Classical education; foremost a student of Hebrew Scriptures
 - v. Student of Rabbi Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)

