Is Peter the Rock?

Is Peter the rock in Matthew 16? Is he being made the first pope?

1 Corinthians 10:4 - And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
I Cor.3:11says: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Nothing can be more plainly worded than these verses, regarding who the rock is. Christ is the rock. The same rock in the old testament that brought forth water, just as Christ gives living water.

Exodus 17:6 - Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

John 4:14 - But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 6:35 - And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that ***believeth*** *on me* ***shall never thirst****.*

Would the rock that Moses struck in exodus really be referring to Peter? Highly unlikely. Peter himself calls Jesus the Rock.

1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a ***chief corner stone*** *, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the ***head of the corner****,*

8 And ***a stone of stumbling****, and* ***a rock of offence****, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

This entire passage is talking about one thing, and describes him in many ways. Is this description Jesus? Let's look at

Ephesians 2:20 - And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Paul says the chief corner stone is Jesus. And the chief corner stone = the rock = stone of stumbling = head of the corner. Why would this ever be referring to Peter?

Deuteronomy 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

Verse 17 says Jeshurun is sacrificed to devils and God is angry and jealous about it. Who then should Jeshurun have been sacrificing to? Verse 18 uses the Hebrew style of reiterating the same idea in two different ways to provide more detail. He should have been sacrificing, worshipping and being mindful of God, who is also the Rock. From verse 18, we see that the Rock is God. Does this add up? Jesus said he was God. So God = Rock = Jesus. Peter does not fit into this. He is not God, he is human, just like Mary. But strangely, there is a man that claims to be God, drawing upon the idea that since Jesus left him in charge, and he can change the precepts of Christ, he figures, “What can you make of me but God?”

Was Peter made the pope?

The pope supercedes over bishops, cardinals, fathers, priests, and every other human. Who can reproach him if he’s the head of the church and the world, in place of Christ? Indeed the Catholic doctrine says so:

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- The Pope can be judged by no one on earth.

- The pope is infallible.

Then, this means that Peter was not made the pope because Paul rebuked and corrected Peter.

Galatians 2:11 - But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

The alleged pope was rebuked by another man. And Peter did not correct Paul and establish what was really right. Being rebuked like that publicly, and having that spread through letters throughout all the churches by someone who is claiming to know the correct things and teaches more doctrine than the pope is not good for establishing your authority or infallibility as the pope.

Peter outrightly said the opposite of what Jesus said more time and time again, more than any other disciples or follower.

1) *John 13:8 - Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.*

2) *Matthew 16: 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

3) *Mark 14: 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.*

30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

If anyone was actually was to be made the pope, it would have been Paul the Apostle. He taught more doctrine than any other follower of Jesus. He travelled and spread the gospel very ardently, broadly, and with much suffering. He wrote the most books in New testament. He expounded and taught more doctrine in his letters than any other writer. He corrected and rebuked Peter himself. Yet, Paul never claims this office or says that he was valid of this office. Instead, he repeatedly says in all his letters that he is the least and a servant, and an apostle.

Ephesians 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

The pope is not the least. He accepts holy kisses, accepts worship, is the head of the richest organization on the earth, coerces and attacks kings and leaders and nations.
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And he is now saying that he should have the authority over the economic affairs. Would he ever stoop low in any sort of ACTUAL humble act/deed/mindset? He claims that he has the power to even CHANGE the precepts of Christ. Paul has something to say about that:

Galatians 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Historical Fact:

The first pope was Constantine.