

Peter's First Sermon

Context of Acts 2

- Jesus has died, been raised, and ascended to heaven.
 - 1:9-11
- Apostles had been promised the Holy Spirit (1:8).
- Internal business is taken care of (1:26).
- Starting in Acts 2, the apostles are gathered in Jerusalem.

Acts 2:2-13

- Holy Spirit descends on the apostles, who are now able to speak in tongues. (2:2-4)
- The ability to communicate in different languages was most useful on this day. (2:5-12)
- Others hurled jokes (2:13).

Acts 2:14-21

- Denies being drunk.
- Offers a better explanation for the ongoing events.
 - We are fulfilling prophecy.
 - Quotes from Joel 2.

Acts 2:22-24

- That God approved of Jesus is proven by the miracles, wonders, and signs.
- Jesus dying was planned and not “plan B.”
- Lawless hands= Romans
- God raised Jesus from the dead.
- What parts would the audience have agreed with?
 - Everything but v. 24. Peter will now prove this.

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- 2:25-36 is a three-point lesson that seeks to prove that Jesus was the Christ who was raised from the dead.
 1. Prophecy
 2. Eye-witness testimony
 3. Circumstantial evidence

Acts 2:25-28

- Peter quotes David from Psalm 16.
- David, as he often does, speaks in first person, but is not referring to himself.
 - Of whom is he speaking?
- This quotation speaks of the resurrection.

Acts 2:29

- David can't be speaking of himself.
 - He's still dead.
 - He's still buried.
 - We know where his tomb is.

Acts 2:30, 31

- We don't usually think of David as a prophet.
- 2 Samuel 7:12, 13 is the referenced promise.
- David is speaking of the Christ. Christ would be raised.
 - Christ is a title not a name.
 - Means "the anointed one."

Acts 2:32

- Peter now proves that Jesus is the Christ.
 - Jesus fulfills prophecy.
 - Eye-witness testimony.
- I suspect Peter's sermon was much longer.
 - Perhaps tangible proof was given.
 - Maybe Thomas spoke.

Acts 2:33

- Jesus ascended.
- Proof of His ascension?
 - What you see and hear.

Acts 2:34, 35

- David did not ascend.
- He spoke of the Lord, Jesus, the Christ.
- Quotes from Psalm 110.

Acts 2:36

- “Therefore...”
 - In view of all the evidence...
 - You crucified Jesus...
 - Whom God made Lord...
 - And Christ.
- Imagine how the audience is feeling?
 - Remember who we’re talking about. 2:5

Acts 2:37

- The words cause a pointed reaction.
- They ask for a solution to their guilt.

Acts 2:38, 39

- Peter gives them the solution for the blood stains they carry on their hands.
- Acts 2:40, 41

Conclusion

- What a brilliant sermon!
- Many today need the same message.
 - Do you need to respond to the Gospel?