

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Lesson #2 -First Gospel Sermon

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4

Introduction:

1. Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the promise -Ac 1:4-8
2. Peter preaches Jesus as both Lord and Christ.
3. Peter reveals Jesus as Christ to the people by reminding them of...

I. PROPHECY -Acts 2:14-21

- A. The men are not drunk -vs 13-15
 1. Their assumption is absurd as Peter points out
 2. The explanation is much deeper and richer in meaning than intoxication.
- B. The Prophecy of Joel -vs 16-21
 1. The Spirit of God would be poured out on all flesh -vs 16, 17
 - a. This had just taken place
 - b. The first century Christians had gifts of the Spirit
 2. Signs and wonders -vs 18-20
 - a. Describes the events surrounding the cross of Christ.
 - b. The Day of the Lord (The day He overcame sin and death)
 3. Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved -vs 21
 - a. Salvation is found only in the Lord
 - b. This verse should not be taken alone (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; Ro 6:3, 4)

II. WHAT THEY WITNESSED -Ac 2:22-28

- A. This crowd knew Jesus in the flesh -Jn 7:25-30
 1. Division over the Christ.
 2. Some reasoned, "Will the Christ do more than this man?" -Jn 7:31
 3. They knew Jesus; His teaching and power. Therefore they are without excuse.
- B. The crowd consented to His death
 1. They cried out, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
 2. God raised Jesus up from the dead as David prophesied.

III. WHAT THEY NOW COULD SEE -Ac 2:29-36

- A. David is still in the tomb
 1. He did not prophecy about himself.
 2. His prophecy was foretelling Christ.
- B. The Proof
 1. Jesus ascended to heaven and poured out the Spirit which they now see and hear -vs 33
 2. David's prophecy fulfilled -vs 34, 35
 3. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ!

IV. WHAT THEY SHOULD DO -Ac 2:37-39

- A. They were cut to the heart
- B. Repent and be baptized
 - 1. Both preceded salvation for them
 - 2. Both precede salvation for us today.

Conclusion:

- 1. About three-thousand souls were added to the body of Christ.
- 2. They continued in the apostles doctrine and fellowship
- 3. The Lord added to their number daily -Ac 2:47