

FOLLOWING THE PATTERN

Lesson #2 -The Establishment of the Church

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:46-49

Introduction:

1. The church of the NT is unique by the way it was established.
2. To follow the pattern, we must understand how the NT church was established.
3. The church was established...

I. ACCORDING TO PROPHECY

A. THE OT PROPHETS

1. The time of the kingdom -Daniel 2:44
2. The place is in Jerusalem -Is 2:2, 3
3. The specific circumstance -Joel 2:28-32; Ac 2:17-21

B. THE PROPHECY OF JESUS

1. Some would not taste of death until the kingdom came -Mk 9:1
2. His apostles were to remain in Jerusalem -Lk 24:46-49

II. ACCORDING TO AUTHORITY

A. JESUS BUILT HIS CHURCH -Mt 16:18

1. The church is built on the confession that Jesus is the Son of God.
2. The church is not built on Peter
 - a. Peter is “Petros” -masculine for a stone that is movable
 - b. “Petra” is feminine for a large immovable rock used for foundation.
3. His church would be built in the future
 - a. At the time Jesus spoke to Peter, the church was not in existence
 - b. At the time of Paul’s writing, the kingdom had come -Co 1:13

B. JESUS BOUGHT HIS CHURCH

1. This was difficult for many to understand
 - a. They wanted to make Him king -Jn 6:15
 - b. Peter rebuked Jesus -Mt 16:21-23
 - c. Jesus explains His kingdom to Pilate -Jn 18:36, 37
2. He bought His church with His own blood -Ac 20:28

C. JESUS HEADS HIS CHURCH

1. All authority in heaven and earth -Mt 28:18
2. He is the head of the church (His body) -Ep 1:22, 23
3. He is the Chief Cornerstone -Ac 4:11, 12; 1Pe 2:4-10

Conclusion:

1. When we understand how the church was established, we can see the great value of the church.
2. When we see the church’s value, we will hold fast to it -Pr 23:23