

The Message

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How Did Peter Preach the Gospel?

Acts 2



The Situation:

The Day of Pentecost

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” Others mocking said, “they are full of new wine” (Acts 2:12).



Peter's Open Air Sermon

Acts 2:14ff

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.”



He Based This Experience on Scripture

“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.’”



The 1st part of his text was fulfilled right then.
But how about the last part; “wonders in
heaven and signs on earth?” (Acts 2:19-20).



Here Is How the Last Part Applied

“Jesus of Nazareth, ... miracles, wonders,
and signs

“Him, ... you have ... have crucified ...
“whom God raised up ...”



Quoting David From Psalm 16

(Acts 2:27)

For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will
You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.



Peter's Apostolic Method of Interpretation

Acts 2:29-36

“He, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ ...”



The Ascension Foretold

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.



The Conclusion

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”



The Result of True Preaching

They Were Cut to the Heart

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”



The Answer

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).



The Convincing Elements in Peter's Sermon

1. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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Did Gifts of the Spirit Pass Away?

1 Corinthians 13:8-10,12

But when that which is perfect has come ...
Then I shall know just as I also am known.



Thrill Seekers

“An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign” (Matthew 12:38).



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He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes them
will have mercy (Proverbs 28:13).



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