

Acts 2:17-41

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Sources

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- I. Peter the preacher
- II. The content of the sermon (per John MacAuthor)
 - A. The explanation

¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷**And it will be** in the last days, says God,
that **I will pour out my Spirit on all people;**
then **your sons and your daughters will prophesy,**
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸**I will even pour out my Spirit**
on my servants in those days, both men and women
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹**I will display wonders in the heaven above**
and signs on the earth below:
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

²⁰**The sun will be turned to darkness**
and the moon to blood
before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.

²¹**Then everyone who calls**
on the name of the Lord will be saved.^[b]

- 1. Prophecy from Joel

We see 3 aspects

What just happened at Pentecost

What would happen in Jerusalem

What will happen at the second coming

--Blood

Rev 16:3³ The second^(a) poured out his bowl into the sea. It turned to blood like that of a dead person, and all life in the sea died.

--Fire

Rev 8:5⁵ The angel took the incense burner, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it to the earth; there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

--Smoke

Rev 18:9⁹ The kings of the earth who have committed sexual immorality and shared her sensual and excessive ways will weep and mourn over her when they see the smoke from her burning.

--Sun, moon and stars

Some cosmic events happened at the crucifixion

Matt 24:29-30²⁹ "Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth^(a) will mourn;^(b) and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

2. A gospel invitation

Be saved

II. The life of Christ

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you yourselves know. ²³ Though he was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used^(c) lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. ²⁴ God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death. ²⁵ For David says of him:

**I saw the Lord ever before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.**

**²⁶Therefore my heart is glad
and my tongue rejoices.**

**Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope,
²⁷because you will not abandon me in Hades
or allow your holy one to see decay.**

**²⁸You have revealed the paths of life to me;
you will fill me with gladness
in your presence.^[c]**

²⁹“Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants^[c] on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: **He^[f] was not abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not experience decay.^[g]**

³²“God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. ³³Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear. ³⁴For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says:

**The Lord declared to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand**

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’^[h]

³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

III. Jesus and miracles 22

They knew the miracles could not be denied.

Jn 3:2 ²This man came to him at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him.”

Jn 11: ⁴⁴The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with

⁴⁵ Therefore, many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he did believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

IV. The death of Christ 23

Less than 2 months earlier they executed Jesus.

V. The resurrection of Christ 24-32

Greatest proof Jesus was the Messiah is his resurrection...not death, teaching, or miracles

A. Peter cites David

B. It was prophetic in that David could not be resurrected

VI. The superiority of Christ as Messiah 33-36

Peter makes a full circle in his sermon to come back to what happened and what was happening now.

VII. The appeal to repent 37-40

³⁷ When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt⁽ⁱ⁾ generation!"

A. Their reaction

Means to stab/implication of sudden and unexpected

They knew they were guilty

B. Their question

What do we need to do?

C. Peters' response

Repent

Identify publicly with Christ

Eph 2:8-10 ⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

VIII, The result of the sermon

⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them..

***Application**

We must make the most of every opportunity God providentially sets up

We must speak biblical truth