

Acts 2:14-41

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I. Peter the preacher

¹⁴Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning.^[a]

- A. Peter would emerge as the spokesman
- B. He would refute the drunk claim.
- C. He would give the “first” Christian sermon

Application

We can see a huge difference between pre and post resurrection Peter.

We can see the power the Holy Spirit can have in a believer’s life when we allow Him to control us.

- A. We need to remember a few things about Peter.

He was impulsive and often made bad choices

(Matthew 14:28-29) “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter answered him, “command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹He said, “Come.”

And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus.

(Matthew 16:22)

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "Oh no, Lord! This will never happen to you! "

(Matthew 17:4) Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it's good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."—

(John 18:10)—and was immediately told to sheath his weapon (verse 11). Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

(Matthew 26:33) Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away."—and later denied three times that he even knew the Lord (verses 70-74).

He would fall and then be restored

(Mark 16:7). But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there just as he told you.' "

(John 21:6 "Cast the net on the right side of the boat," he told them, "and you'll find some." So they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish., 15-17). Now when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?' He *said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.' He *said to him, 'Tend My lambs.' A second time he asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me? ""Yes, Lord," he said to him, "you know that I love you.""Shepherd my sheep," he told him. He asked him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me? "Peter was grieved that he asked him the third time, "Do you love me? " He said, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.""Feed my sheep," Jesus said.

He did struggle with some old cultural and religious biases

(Acts 10:34). Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism,

(Acts 15:7-11). After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you are aware that in the early days God made a choice among you,^[a] that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the gospel message and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he also did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now then, why are you testing God by putting a yoke on the disciples' necks that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ On the contrary, we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus in the same way they are."

(Galatians 2:11-14). But when Cephas^[a] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned.^[b] ¹² For he regularly ate with the Gentiles before certain men came from James. However, when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision party. ¹³ Then the rest of the Jews joined his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were deviating from the truth of the gospel, I told Cephas^[c] in front of everyone, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel Gentiles to live like Jews?"

He was faithful until the "end"

--He wrote 2 inspired letters.

--He died a martyr(according to tradition)

(John 21:18-19 “Truly I tell you, when you were younger, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he told him, “Follow me.”

B. Lessons we can learn from Peter

(By Gene A. Getz)

Jesus overcomes fear. “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear” (1 John 4:18).

Jesus forgives unfaithfulness. “If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself” (2 Timothy 2:13).

Jesus patiently teaches. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go” (Psalms 32:8).

Jesus sees us as He intends us to be. “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion” (Philippians 1:6).

Jesus uses unlikely heroes. (Acts 4:13 When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.