

# The First Gospel Sermon

Last week we spent our time in 1 John 2:28-3:3 and spoke of the wonderful reality we will all one day experience: Seeing Jesus Face to Face. Imagine that ... seeing Jesus as He is. No encumbrances of sin or the flesh. Imagine the freedom that entails ... and then imagine the bliss, excitement, reverence, and awe that goes along with knowing we will be with Him and like Him for all eternity. In Acts 2, Peter preaches the first gospel sermon. Can you imagine being present in that crowd on Pentecost? Here Peter focuses on Jesus by looking at the past and how their own prophets had predicted this day to come. Now, Peter says, is the time to call on the name of the Lord Jesus for salvation.

## I. Acts 2:22: Jesus' Life

- A. 2:22a: Jesus was **attested** to you by God. God put Jesus on exhibition.
- B. 2:22b: with miracles, wonders, and **signs**.
- C. It was undeniable: 2:22c: God did among you through Him just as you yourselves **know**.

## II. Acts 2:23: Jesus' Death

- A. 2:23a: Though he was **delivered up** ...
- B. 2:23b: According to God's determined **plan**. It wasn't by accident.
  - 1. God put Jesus there on purpose for the removal of our sins.
  - 2. But they were still guilty of vile wickedness. It was personal, intentional, hate-filled, and vicious. Theirs was the blackest of sins.

## III. Acts 2:24-32 - Jesus' Resurrection

- A. You killed him but ...
  - 1. 2:24: God **raised** him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death.
- B. 2:25-28 is Psalm 16:8-11. It's not about David. He's dead. Jesus is the fulfillment of this Psalm.
  - 1. 2:25: For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be **shaken**. Jesus died with firm, confident trust. God did not abandon him.
  - 2. 2:26-27: knowing his body would not see corruption.
  - 3. 2:28: Jesus would go through death and be in the presence of the Father.

## IV. Acts 2:32-36: Jesus Ascension

- A. 2:33: Therefore, 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.
- B. 2:34b-35 comes from Psalm 110:1. Jesus has been given a name above every name.

## V. As We Close...

- A. The Conclusion: 2:36: Therefore let all the house of Israel know with **certainty** that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."
- B. The Reaction: 2:37: 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?"
- C. The Solution: 2:38-39: 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. 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."
- D. Change your view of Christ. Make Him the Lord of your life.