

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost
The First Sermon and the Birth of the Church

Our text is **Acts 2:14-41**.

1) The Gospel is Preached with _____.

"Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd..." **Acts 2:4**

"Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." **Acts 2:36**

2) The Gospel is Rooted in _____.

"You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your holy one see decay." **Acts 2:27**

3) The Gospel Calls for _____ and _____.

"When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'" **Acts 2:37**

- **Repentance (Metanoia):**

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." **Romans 12:2**

- **Baptism for the forgiveness of sin**

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." **Romans 6:4**

"They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized." They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized." **Acts 16:31-33**

- **Receiving the Gift of Holy Spirit:**

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." **Acts 2:41**

4) The Church is Born and the _____ Continues

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." **Acts 2:42**

- **Apostles' Teaching**

- **Fellowship (Koinonia)**
- **Breaking of Bread**
- **Prayer**

Our live must show:

- **Unwavering Boldness**
- **Unshakeable Grounding**
- **Unceasing Transformation**
- **Unreserved Community**
- **Unrelenting Mission:**

The world is waiting for the Church to rise up and be the light that Jesus called us to be.