



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Peter the Preacher**
Series: **EYEWITNESS - ACTS**
Text: **Acts 2**
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“But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

THE FRONT ROW EYEWITNESS - PETER

*Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, **raised his voice and addressed the crowd**: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, **let me explain this to you**; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! (Acts 2:14)*

WHAT TO _____?

- **Preach the Word**; be prepared in season and out of season; **correct, rebuke and encourage** — with great patience and careful instruction. (2Tim. 4:2)
- but **we preach Christ crucified**: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, (1Cor. 1:23)
- For **we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord**, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. (2Cor. 4:5)

LET’S LOOK AT PETER’S FIRST SERMON

1. THIS IS A _____ SERMON!

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- _____ - CENTERED
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- ATTENTION GETTING AND _____

Preaching in the Spirit

“The greatest problem in preaching is not the preparation of the sermon but the preparation of the preacher.” Dennis F. Kinlaw

2. STARTS WITH THE _____

No, ***this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:***

In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your **sons and daughters** will prophesy,

your **young men** will see visions,

your **old men** will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both **men and women**,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and **they will prophesy**. (Ac 2:17–18).

And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (Ac 2:21).

3. THE FOCUS IS ON _____

“Men of Israel, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God** to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ **This man was handed over to you** by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and **you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross**. ²⁴ But **God raised him from the dead**, freeing him from the agony of death, because **it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him**. (Ac 2:22–24).

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ**.” (Ac 2:36).

4. NOTICE THE CALL TO _____

When the people heard this, they were **cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, **“Brothers, what shall we do?”** (Ac 2:37).

Peter replied, **“Repent and be baptized, every one 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 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Ac 2:38–39).

NOTICE THE _____

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ **Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day**. (Ac 2:40–41).