

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERMON! Pt. 2

(Acts 2:22-36)

I. THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Holy Spirit Comes on the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)

B. A Biblical Perspective on the Gift of Tongues from 1 Corinthians 12-14

C. Peter Explains What Just Happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:12-21)

D. Peter Preaches an Evangelistic Message to the Unbelieving Crowd (Acts 2:22-36)

1. Reason #1 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because of His _____ life and God's _____ plan for Him. (vv. 22-24)
 - a. From His miraculous _____ to His miraculous _____, and with all the miracles He performed, He proved that He was who He claimed to be. (Isa. 35:4-6; Matt. 11:1-5; Acts 10:38-39)

 - b. God's "*determined purpose*" and "*foreknowledge*" are inseparably _____, but yet they are _____ the same thing. (v. 23)

 - c. In v. 23 these Jews and Gentiles were held _____, "*you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death*"; they were _____.

 - d. God's _____ is evident in the resurrection of Christ, "*whom God raised up*"; and also in the fact that He could _____ in the grave, "*because it was _____ possible that He should be held by it.*" (v. 24)

2. Reason #2 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because of David's Scriptural _____ regarding His resurrection. (vv. 25-31, cf. Psalm 16:8-11)

- a. Peter quoted David (Psalm 16:8-11) which depicted the Messiah in the _____ of power at God's _____. (vv. 25-26)
- b. The Messiah would not remain in _____ (the realm of the dead), nor would His body undergo _____ in the grave. (vv. 27-28)
- c. Peter testified that David was not speaking of himself, but of Christ who would _____ from the _____ and would one day sit on His rightful, _____ throne. (vv. 29-31)
3. Reason #3 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because the _____ were _____ of His resurrection. (v. 32)

* What were the apostles commissioned to do? (1:8, 22)

4. Reason #4 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because the promised _____ was proof of His _____ to God's right hand. (vv. 33-35)
5. The goal of Peter's evangelistic preaching was to lead his fellow Israelites to _____ that Jesus is _____ and _____. (v. 36)

* Do you see the significance of this powerful message that Peter preached?