

Acts 2.14-41

King Jesus Shares His Spirit!

Glad to see U R here for One of the Greatest Sermons in History

Purpose of Sermon > CHANGE LIVES for God's Glory

Result this Sermon – 3000 Believe – Luke EXAGGERATING??

RELIABLE History > Jerusalem 100,000 / Pentecost 300,000+?

Luke – Interviewed, Researched > Guided by Holy Spirit into Truth

Luke NOT PRESENT for ALL SERMONS / SPEECHES of ACTS

NOT Claim Exact Record 19 Sermons in Acts: **Reliable Summary**

v. 40 With many other words he bore witness...

Takes 3 Minutes to Read > No Spirit-filled Preacher THAT BRIEF!

This Sermon > MODEL of CONTENT of our Witness for Jesus

1. Declaration: What God has Done in Jesus
2. Doctrine: Application of God's Truth to All Areas of Life
3. Demand: What God Requires from Us

1. Declaration: What God has Done in Jesus

a. Person > Manifestation of Holy Spirit > Message about JESUS

STRANGE, UNUSUAL Phenomenon in City of JERUSALEM

SOUND Wind / SIGHT Flaming Tongues / SPEECH Many Lands

50 days before: Peter Denied X >> NOW Spirit-filled Declaration

Scoffers in Crowd > DRUNK!! v. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day = 9 AM!

Many Sermons begin w/ JOKE > Not YET Drunk > Too Early!! Hopes Laughters take

Opportunity to become LEARNERS

v. 12 all amazed & perplexed... "What does this mean?"

Answer: v. 22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth

NOT sermon about Holy Spirit > He came to GLORIFY Jesus

He will *bring glory to me* by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16.14

EVERY MAJOR RELIGION HAS SOME PLACE FOR JESUS

Other Religions – Person Named JESUS > NOT Jesus of BIBLE

Brahmin/ Buddha/ Prophet/ Rabbi/ Teacher/ Zen Master / Demiurge
 Human/ Divine/ Spirit of Divine/ god w small g / Human & Divine
 NOT EVERY JESUS IS JESUS

My Name is BLAIR > But I've Never Been PM of Great Britain

v. 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ

Israel's TRUE KING is also the World's TRUE LORD

b. Pain God ACCREDITED Him > They ATTACKED Him

v. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Lit. 'BIRTH PANGS' – New Birth unto New Life

RESURRECTION Begins REGENERATION of ALL THINGS

WICKEDNESS of Cross > DEATH Could Not have LAST WORD

Public Declaration: JESUS Crucified in Weakness/Exalted in Power

Word AGONY / Pangs of Death = lit. PAINS of CHILDBIRTH

The abyss can no more hold the Redeemer than a pregnant woman can hold the child in her body.
 G. Bertram

c. Poured Out - Jesus on EARTH – LED by Spirit

Jesus: Fully Man & Fully God – Served in Power of Holy Spirit

Now as Victor over Sin, Death, Hell, Satan – WINS Spirit as Prize

Now Jesus from Heaven / Gives Spirit to Guide His Body on Earth

v. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

'Pour Out' – Not Drizzle, Heavenly Deluge > Get Drenched!!

Now as Victor over Sin, Death, Hell, Satan – WINS Spirit as Prize

The coming of the Spirit is the evidence of the enthronement of Christ, just as the resurrection is the evidence of the efficacy of the death of Christ as atonement.

Sinclair Ferguson

COME HOLY SPIRIT! COME! Be Lifted Up, Lord JESUS!

2. Doctrine: Application of God's Truth to All Areas of Life

a. Prophecy Peter's Sermon: 3 OT Texts – Joel 2, Psalm 16, 110

40 Days btwn Resurr & Ascension > CRASH COURSE on OT....

...*giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles* he had chosen... forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God Acts 1.1-4

Future Hope of Prophets FULFILLED Now in Exalted JESUS

Israel's Role > Accomplished in Jesus – the TRUE ISRAEL

vs. 25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me

David Claims his Body NOT ROT in Grave > BUT IT DID!

David PROPHESED > Son of David, Root of David, Lord of David

Jesus Lord of Life > Indestructible Nature of RISEN LORD

b. Plan Most Terrible Event in History > PLANNED by God

23 Jesus, delivered up according to definite plan & foreknowledge of God, you crucified & killed by the hands of lawless men

How could Messiah be Murdered? Should be an Exalted King!

Christ Crucified is a contradiction in terms, of the same category as ‘fried ice’. Gordon Fee

Wisdom of SOVEREIGN God > Plan Cross & Punish Crucifiers

Even if Hands Not Bloody, Cried for Murder w/ Heart & Voice

Christ suffered nothing by accident or because he lacked the power to rescue himself...Christ's death was ordained by God's eternal counsel...God's providence teaches us that our life and death are in his hands. John Calvin

c. Proof God-man filled w Spirit, Mightily Used by God: Miracles

v. 22 Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know

Many Listeners SEEN MIRACLES with OWN EYES...

Xtian Faith built on Solid Historical facts of Jesus

As Peter Preached they WITNESSED Another MIRACLE –

Out of Fearful Followers > God builds Spirit-filled Church

Boldly Preaches > Perhaps his Last Words > Only God Knew!!

Not how he felt > But Declaration of What God has Done!

v. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

d. Present v. 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.”

God’s final act of salvation has begun to take place. I. Howard Marshall

God’s NOW Started on PENTECOST - ‘I tell you, *now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.* 2 Corinthians 6.2

Future Day begins NOW with RESURRECTION / EXALTATION

3. Demand – What is our Duty?

Pluralism – Many Religions – All Correct – NO Unique TRUTH

Majority in 1st & 21st C’s Pluralists > Anything Goes / You Do You!

GOSPEL is DECLARATION – DOCTRINE & a DEMAND

Your Destiny Moving to Final Moment > Stand before THIS God

a. Conviction v. 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

50+ Days before, Jesus: “When he (the Counselor) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” John 16.8

Whenever you find men and women being pointed to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, however or wherever that may happen, there the Holy Spirit is at work... That is the greatest of all miracles... spiritual regeneration. James Boice

Bold, Direct Preaching of Peter: Cold Shower or Bolt of Lightning

Preaching NOT ALL Church Did to PROCLAIM JESUS

GOAL of all we DO in His Name > People be Brought to Him

After 21 yrs of evangelistic ministry with non-Christians, I have come to the conclusion that most people *come* to Christ in order to have a felt need met, but they *stay* with Christ because they have come to believe that the gospel is true. Ajith Fernando – Sri Lanka

God Faithfully Blessed His Word – Spoken in Power of the Spirit

b. Plea > Signs of Spirit’s Work > Summons Receive X’s Blessings

ONE Truth: They’ll FACE Loving Jesus as STERN JUDGE

How can Savior mean ANYTHING - When SIN means Nothing?

After Evidence Spirit’s CONVICTION > Peter pleas with them..

vs. 38,40 Peter: “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness & Holy Spirit...And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

Corrupt Generation – Families, Elders, Priests > Crucified Jesus!

Clean Break w Dead Religion > Meaningless Sacrifices & Rituals

Two Stipulations: REPENT and BELIEVE

Two Promises: FORGIVENESS and HOLY SPIRIT

REPENT > TURN AROUND – Leave your Sin, Live for God

BELIEVE > Whole SOUL embrace Jesus – Living Relationship

c. Promise > Amazing, Gracious, Offer to Contrite Sinners

v. 39 “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Children! Covenant Promise for Family – IF Believe > Saved

Strategic Opportunity of Parents to DISCIPLE their Kids: Decide!

Far Off – Amazing Growth of Gospel > STILL Growing & Going!

They had murdered God’s Son; he was offering them his Spirit. They had crucified the second person of the Trinity; he was offering them the third... David Gooding

d. Confession v. 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Jerusalem Church GREW 26 times – 120 to 3,120

CALL to PUBLIC, CORPORATE Identification with Christ

New Testament Believer is Baptized > Symbol of Confession

Baptism NOT a Necessary Requirement for Salvation

Baptism is OUTward CONFIRMATION of INward Transformation

v. 38 ...be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...

Since Jesus did ALL > We Must Call His Name for Salvation

Baptism in Jesus Name > Shows RADICAL Change in Relation

They CRUCIFIED – NOW they CONFESS as Lord and Christ

Name of Jesus! Swallow Pride > 1 they Murdered is MESSIAH!

Gospel EVENTS – Life and Work of Jesus

Gospel WITNESSES – Scripture and History

Gospel PROMISES – Forgiveness and Holy Spirit

Gospel CONDITIONS – Repent and Believe

SERMON > 2000 years Old > WORDS: LIFE and POWER

May God use OUR WORDS for Him > Now and Forever

Advance of Kingdom: Ends of Earth until the End of the Age!

Acts 2¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “‘Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.’” ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “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 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.