

Declaring Christ: Peter's First Sermon

Acts 2:14-41

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Jesus disciples are a spirit filled community that declares the gospel.

I. The Power to Declare is Fueled by the Holy Spirit

Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:19-20

II. The Message Declared is Christ Crucified

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— **this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God**, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:22-24

- **Jesus is a man from Nazareth who did signs and wonders (v. 22)**
- **Jesus was crucified, he died and was raised from the dead according to God's plan (vv. 23-24)**
- **Jesus is both Lord (King) and Christ (Messiah) sitting at God's right hand (vv. 25-36)**

III. They Call on the Name of the Lord and Repent

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?" 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...And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:37-41

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel.

Mark 1:15

- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.