

The First Church Sermon (Part I)

Acts 2:14-28

Acts: The Real Church

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Preaching that Launched the Church of Jesus Christ.

1. Biblical preaching **commands attention** (v.14, v.22, 29, 36).
 - a. Preachers stand up **fearlessly**.
 - b. Preachers speak with **urgent clarity**.
 - c. Preachers speak with **biblical authority**.

2. Biblical preaching **explains** the scriptures (v.15-21).
 - a. The **last days** are beginning now.
 - b. The **promised** Spirit has come now.
 - c. The **Day of the Lord** is coming later.

3. Biblical preaching **points** to Jesus (v.22)

4. Biblical preaching **expounds** the gospel (v.23-24).
 - a. The death of Jesus was according to **God's sovereignty**.
 - b. The death of Jesus is **man's responsibility**.
 - c. The resurrection of Jesus released Him from **death's agony**.
 - d. The corruption of Jesus was declared to be **impossibility**. John 11:25.

5. Biblical preaching gives **hope** to the believer (V.25-28). Hope is not a **contingent** desire it is a **confident certainty**.

6. Biblical preaching calls for a **response** (V.21). Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
 - a. God **calls** - John 6:44
 - b. Satan **blinds** - 2 Cor 4:3-4
 - c. God calls through the **preaching** of **His word** – Is he calling you today?