

THE FIRST SERMON IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Acts 2:12-21

The first sermon ever preached in the church of Jesus Christ was preached by Peter _____
As many as _____ Jews may have heard Peter on the Day of Pentecost; 3000 followed Jesus Christ
Peter strung together 3 texts, Joel 2, Psalm 16 and Psalm 110 to prove Jesus was _____ as Lord
Peter used the current events surrounding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the _____ for his sermon

I. THIS IS NOT THAT Acts 2:12-15

A. The Response of the Throng to the Events They Observed 2:12-13

- 1) They were amazed and _____ : they were at a loss to explain what they saw and heard
- 2) They had no _____ of reference to explain the events; they did not fit into their worldview
- 3) The only explanation that some devised was to dismiss what they saw as _____ gibberish

B. The Reply of Peter: "This Is Not That" 2:15

It was only _____ AM, the time most ate the first meal of day or Jews were at morning prayers

II. THIS IS THAT Acts 2:16-21

This is that which was spoken by the prophet _____ ; Peter quoted the prophet in the next 5 verses

A. Peter Interpreted These Events according to _____ Categories

- 1) Peter interpreted these events through a biblical framework: he could point to _____ and verse
- 2) This is not that—these events must not be interpreted according to _____ categories
- 3) This is that—the goal of every Christian ought to be understanding the Bible in a way that enables us to properly _____ events & circumstances around us rather than letting mockers do it for us

B. Peter Learned This Method of Interpreting Events at a _____ Taught by Jesus (Acts 1:1-3)

- 1) After Jesus was _____ He trained the apostles for 40 days, after they understood many truths
- 2) Our Bible study ought to provide us with Biblical _____ to interpret what we see around us

III. THREE EXAMPLES OF "THIS IS NOT THAT, THIS IS THAT"

A. This Is Not _____ , This Is _____

- 1) The words drunkenness, drunkard, etc. appear _____ times in the NKJV: this is a Biblical category
- 2) Our society prefers to talk about _____ : why shouldn't we use such euphemisms?
- 3) Calling the problem alcoholism puts it in _____ categories, removes it from Biblical categories

B. This Is Not Proof of _____ , This Is Proof of the Genesis _____

- 1) Secular scientists interpret layers of sedimentary rock according to _____ categories
- 2) But events at _____ in 1980 prove that sedimentary layers can be formed by catastrophe
- 3) Christians must interpret layers of sedimentary rock according to a Biblical category, the _____

C. This Is Not a _____ , This Is _____

- 1) Ideas, persons, activities, etc. that we are passionate about can fall into the Biblical category of _____
- 2) This Biblical category is far-reaching because human beings by nature must _____ something