

THE FIRST SERMON

Acts 2:16-40

The first sermon ever preached under the auspices of the church of Jesus Christ had 2 notable characteristics:

- 1) It was filled with _____: 12 verses are quotations from the OT and 12 are remarks upon that Scripture
- 2) It centered on Jesus the _____: the title could have been: "What the OT Scriptures Say about Jesus"

- I. JOEL 2:28-32 (Peter quoted Joel, but he _____ the wording and the tweaks are significant)
 - A. Joel _____ the Events of Pentecost (the quotation ties Jesus to the outpouring of the Spirit)
 - 1) Joel identified the time as _____ but Peter as "the last days" which began with Pentecost
 - 2) Peter claimed the tongues of Pentecost were the _____ that marked the outpouring of the Spirit
 - 3) Peter added the word _____ to Joel and tied it to the sign gift of tongues, the sound of mighty wind
 - B. Joel Struck the Note of _____: "before the coming of the great and awesome of the Lord"
 - C. Joel Offered _____ through "the Lord" (Peter cut off his quotation to emphasize this promise)
But who is "the Lord"? The Jews thought it meant _____ but Peter set about changing their minds by introducing Jesus: 1) they had _____ Him and 2) God had _____ Him from the dead

II. PSALM 16:8-11

- A. David Prophesied Not of Himself, but of the _____ 2:30-31
 - 1) V.27 "You will not allow Your Holy One to _____" but David's body had rotted and was in the grave
 - 2) So David was not voicing his personal hope but spoke as prophet of the resurrection of the _____
- B. Peter Testified that _____ Rose from the Dead to Fulfill This Prophecy (2 + 2 = 4) 2:32
- C. Peter Connected Jesus' _____ with the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit 2:33
Through the outpouring of the Spirit, the church was born, and its existence against all opposition and persecution is _____ that Jesus was indeed resurrected and exalted to the right hand of God

III. PSALM 110:1

- A. David Called the Person at God's Right Hand HIS _____
 - 1) The OT makes clear that _____ who is God the Father said to David's Lord, "Sit at My right hand"
 - 2) So what person is a) is David's Lord; and b) exalted by God the Father to His right hand? _____
 - a) In the NT era, the Jews did not use the name LORD (Yahweh) for fear of taking it in _____; rather they substituted the Greek title *Kurios*, translated, Lord: the Messiah was not just Lord but LORD!
 - b) A human being could not dwell permanently at God's right hand: the Messiah must be _____
- B. Peter Proclaimed that _____ Is Both Messiah and This Lord
 - 1) Peter contrasted the way this Jesus was treated and the way _____ should have treated Him
 - 2) Peter's sermon had the intended effect: many in the throng responded: _____
- C. Jesus/Messiah/Lord Will _____ and Offer the Gift of the Holy Spirit
 - 1) "Saved" in v.40 ties the entire message back to where Peter started in v.21: "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved": _____ is the Lord who will save those who call upon Him
 - 2) When Jesus saves He will also give them the gift of the _____ who was poured out that day