

**“Committed to Christ”**

*Acts 2:36-47*

*More spectacular than any sound, sight, or speaking in tongues that is described in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit worked the greatest miracle of all in the hearts of the Jews because of the preaching of Jesus Christ.*

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the preaching of Jesus (37-41)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ question (37)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ answer (38)
  
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the receiving of Jesus (42-47)
  - A. They were committed to \_\_\_\_\_ (42, 43)
  - B. They were committed to \_\_\_\_\_ (42b, 46-47a)
  - C. They were committed to \_\_\_\_\_ (44-46)
  - D. They were committed to \_\_\_\_\_ (47b)

- Matthew suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.
- Mark died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.
- Luke was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.
- John faced martyrdom when he was boiled in a huge basin of oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. After exile on Patmos, He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.
- Peter was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross, according to church tradition, because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.
- James the Just, the leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a club.
- James the Greater, a strong leader of the church, was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem.
- Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, was a missionary to Asia and was martyred for his preaching in Armenia when he was flayed to death by a whip.
- Andrew was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.
- Thomas was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the subcontinent.
- Jude, the brother of Jesus, was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.
- Matthias, the apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.