

Preaching Christ

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Acts 2:1-41
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Today we will be looking at the second chapter of the book of Acts. We see the coming of the Holy Spirit followed by Peter addressing the crowd. Peter courageously stands up in very uncertain times and preaches Jesus as the Christ. The Spirit is moving and the crowd is pierced to the heart and many are saved. This morning we will talk about how we can turn loose of our life and let the Holy Spirit work; allowing God to impact the people around us for all eternity.



🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Acts 2:1-41 (NET)

Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven residing in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound occurred, a crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Completely baffled, they said, “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!” ¹² All were astounded and greatly confused, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others jeered at the speakers, saying, “They are drunk on new wine!”

¹⁴ But Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: “You men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this and listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ In spite of what you think, these men are not drunk, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken about through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ *‘And in the last days it will be,’ God says, ‘that I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.*

¹⁸ *Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ *And I will perform wonders in the sky above and miraculous signs on the earth below,*

blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ *The sun will be changed to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.*

²¹ *And then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*

²² “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man clearly attested to you by God with powerful deeds, wonders, and miraculous signs that God performed among you through him, just as you yourselves know—²³ this man, who was handed over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed by nailing him to a cross at the hands of Gentiles. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says about him,

‘I saw the Lord always in front of me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken.

²⁶ *Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced; my body also will live in hope,*

²⁷ *because you will not leave my soul in Hades, nor permit your Holy One to experience decay.*

²⁸ *You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of joy with your presence.’*

²⁹ “Brothers, I can speak confidently to you about our forefather David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ So then, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ David by foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did his body experience decay. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ So then, exalted to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out

what you both see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,

*‘The Lord said to my lord,
“Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for
your feet.”’*

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were acutely distressed and said to Peter and the rest of the

apostles, “What should we do, brothers?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent, and each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to himself.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he testified and exhorted them saying, “Save yourselves from this perverse generation!” ⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)**

What does God MEAN?

8. Do you think Peter feared how the crowd might react to his message ?

9. Do you think the Holy Spirit still lives in us and performs miraculous signs today?

10. When putting together a sermon, pastors are taught to have one main idea. What do you think is Peter's main idea in his message?

11. Why do you think the people responded so well to Peter's message?

12. What does Peter tell them to do after they believe his message?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)**

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. When we tell people about Christ or about our church or our beliefs, what should be the main message?

14. According to verse 38, what should we do after we accept Jesus as the Christ? Does this involve a life change?

15. Who can receive the Holy Spirit?

16. How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES