

*The story, power and purpose of the Church.*



*...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9*

## **The Sermon That Started the Church**

Jesus replied, ... Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Matthew 16:18

### **1st Part of the Sermon: Setting Down the Facts Acts 2:22-24**

#### **Fact 1: The life and ministry of Jesus**

22 "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.

*Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; Philippians 2:6,7*

#### **Fact 2: The death of Jesus**

23 But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him.

*We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort,*  
*Philippians 3:3*

#### **Fact 3: The resurrection of Jesus**

24 But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

*Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. 6 After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers...7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

### **2nd Part of the Sermon: Scriptural Teaching**

#### **1st point: Peter teaches from Psalm 16**

'I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 26 No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. 27 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. 28 You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.'

Act 2:25-28

#### **2nd point: David wasn't referring to himself when he wrote this**

"Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. 30 But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. 31 David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave. 32 "God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. 33 Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

Acts 2:29-33

#### **3rd point: Peter teaches from Psalm 110**

For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand 35 until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'" 36 "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"

Acts 2:34-36

### **3rd Part of the Sermon: Peter Brings Conviction**

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God." 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" 41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:37-41