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Part 3

The First Sermon

Acts 2:14 – 41

¹⁴ . . . “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, **let me explain this to you**; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! Acts 1:14 – 15

What distinguishes Christianity from other religions?

1. The centrality of Christ

“Christianity **is** Christ.”

Hebrews 1:1 – 4 – ¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. (NIV)

2. Christianity appeals to our mind

Christianity is based on objective, verifiable, historic, fact.

“Repent” (v. 38) means to change the mind.

“**Repentance**” is a change of perspective that transforms a person’s thinking and their entire approach to life. (NET Bible Notes)

3. Christianity is based on grace

Romans 8:31 – 32 – ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (NLT)

1 Corinthians 6:19 – 20 – ¹⁹ . . . You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (NIV)