

Acts

Lesson 2

Acts 1-2

Homework

Peters Sermon

Acts 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Peter quotes Psalms 16:8-11 and connects his explanation with a salvation message

Who is the intended audience?

Jews from all over the world!

Act 2:5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--

These Jews would have known some specifics.

- *One God creator. (Gen 1-2)*
- *Origin of sin. (Gen 3)*
- *Universality of sin. (Rom 3:23)*
- *Need for a savior (Isa 43:11)*
- *Promise of a savior (Messiah, Christ). (Deu 18:18)*

What Old Testament scriptures does he use to explain what has occurred?

Joel 2:28-32

Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Joel 2:28-32

*"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it shall come to pass that **everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.** For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.*

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Psalms 16:1-11

Psa 16:1-11 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

What does the scriptures explain?

- *Joel 2:28-32 The baptism of the Holy Spirit*
- *Psa 16:1-11 The resurrection of the Messiah*

What other information is provided in the sermon?

- *It was known that Jesus did mighty works and wonders and signs*
- *It was known that God raised Jesus who was crucified*
- *It was known that God raised Jesus up*

Acts 2:22-24

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it

What surprises you?

- *Peter's bluntness*
- *Its very personal*
- *???*

*What action does he require
of his listeners?*

Repent and be baptized!

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

What are the results?

About 3000 saved

Act 2:41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 3-4

The Healing of a Lame Man brings Controversy

What did the Holy Spirit do to continue the momentum of the initial revival?

Signs and Wonders

(Acts 2:43) And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

What is the significance of Peter and John going to the Jewish temple?

They still considered themselves Jews.

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

What prompted Peter to act on behalf of the man lame from birth?

The Man's request for alms

Act 3:3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

What is Peters response?

To give what he did have.

Act 3:6 But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

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He got what he needed.

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3.) *Peter's second sermon*
(*Acts 3:10-26*)

How does Peter leverage this event?

He preaches the gospel!

Act 3:12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

How does he connect the dots of what has happened to Jesus?

The name of Jesus has the power to save.

*Act 3:16 And his name--**by faith in his name**--has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

What indicates that the Messiah is not only for Jews?

In your offspring all the families of the earth be blessed

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Note:

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection from the dead

Luke 20:27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection.

Who does Peter address in this sermon?

The Rulers and Elders

Acts 4:1-22

What Scriptures does Peter use?

Psalm 118:22

Act 4:11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

How do the rulers note about Peter and John?

They were uneducated,

They were common men

They had been with Jesus.

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

What is Peter & John's response to their threats?

They will keep speaking about what they had seen and heard.

Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

What dilemma does the council face?

They could not punish them because the people believed a miracle from God had taken place.

Act 4:21-22 And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Who does Peter & John do after they are released?

They go pray

Act 4:24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

What scriptures do those in prayer recognize have taken place?

Psalm 2:1-2

Act 4:25-26 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed"--

What do they pray for?

boldness,
healings,
signs and wonders

Act 4:29-30 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

What happens?

Unity

Power

Grace

Provision

Act 4:32-35 ...but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them...

Who is Banabas?

Joseph

a Levite,

a native of Cyprus

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What does his name mean?

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