



“The First Sermon”

Acts 2:14-41 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *At the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on those who believed in Jesus, the people looking on asked: “What does this mean?”? Peter preaches a sermon to answer that question.*

I. The Explanation from Scripture.

- A. Regarding Pentecost, look at what the prophet Joel says.
- B. Because the Scripture is describing what they see and hear, it means that God is behind all that is happening.
- C. Regarding Jesus rising from the dead, look at what David says in Psalm 16.
- D. Regarding Jesus ascension to heaven, look at what David says in Psalm 110.
- E. Read the Scripture Christo-centrally.
- F. Jesus is the true and better version of every person and theme in the Bible.

II. The Evidence for the Resurrection.

- A. Scripture not only affirms it, but the eyewitnesses confirm it.
- B. Peter and others saw Jesus after He rose from the dead and saw Him ascend to heaven.

III. The Conclusion of the Matter.

- A. “Therefore” - - Jesus is Savior and Lord!
- B. Through Scripture and eyewitness testimony you can know that these things are true, but it is not enough to save you!
- C. The truth must penetrate your heart.
- D. After hearing Peter’s sermon, they were “cut to the heart.”
 - 1. Becoming a Christian involves more than mental assent to the truth.
 - 2. To become a Christian and reach the heart your sin must become personal, for you to recognize Jesus as your Savior.
- E. They ask Peter what they should do.
 - 1. Repent and get _____
 - 2. Be baptized and get _____
 - 3. Do that and you will get:
 - a. The _____
 - b. The _____

Conclusion.