

Acts 2: 14-47

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1. When Peter stood up to speak, who stood up with him? (2:14)

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14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

The rest of the Apostles (11)

2. What was Peter's defense? (2:15)

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15 “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

1. These men are not drunk.
2. It is the third hour (9:00 AM) of the day.

3. What were the believers experiencing? (2:16-21)

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16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams;

18 Even on My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.

19 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above And signs on the earth below, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.

20 'The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.

21 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (Joel 2: 28-32)

3. What were the believers experiencing? (2:16-21)

- 1. Today, this day, the great prophecy of Joel begins to be fulfilled (Joel 2: 28–32).**
- 2. Today, this day, begins the last days of earth's history.**
- 3. Today, this day, begins the last days of God's work on earth.**
- 4. Today, this day, begins the last days, the final age of God's plan for human history.**
- 5. Today, this day, begins the last days, the dispensation of God's grace (the church), the age of the gospel.**

4. What did Peter say about Jesus of Nazareth? (2:22-24)

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22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

24 “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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25 "For David says of Him, 'I saw the Lord always in my presence; For He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken.'

26 'Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted;

Moreover my flesh also will live in hope;

27 Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

28 'You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'

29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 "And so, 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,

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31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

32 “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

33 “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

34 “For it was not David who ascended 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 for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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6. How did the hearers respond to Peter's words? (2:37)

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37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

1. They were pierced to the heart.

2. Brethren, what shall we do?”

7. What did Peter tell his audience to do? (2:38-40)

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38 Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each 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 off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

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The results of Peter's sermon:

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8. How many were added to the fellowship of believers that day? (2:41)

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41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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- 3. To the breaking of bread**
- 4. To prayer**

10. How did people respond to what was happening? (2:43)

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43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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11. Why might the early Christians have had "everything in common"? (2:44)

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44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Some Christians who resided in Jerusalem shared what they had with others.

12. How were the goods distributed among the early believers? (2:45)

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45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Shared all things with those who were in need.

13. Where did the early believers meet? (2:46)

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46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

13. Where did the early believers meet? (2:46)

1. The believers were praying and worshipping God in the temple.
2. The believers were worshipping in their homes, moving from home to home. They were sharing together in fellowship meals and in observing the Lord's Supper, remembering their Lord's death.
3. The believers were worshipping with gladness and singleness of heart. Their hearts were soft and tender, easily touched and giving. There was no selfishness or withholding on their part. Where there was need, they gave.
4. The believers were praising God.
5. They gained favor with the people, and the Lord added souls to the church.

14. Describe the growth of the early church? (2:47)

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47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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