

sermon notes

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February 2, 2025 | “First Sermon and Firstfruits” | **Acts 2:14–41**

Exposition:

- 1) Peter preaches the _____ of OT Scripture (2:14–21)
- 2) Peter preaches the _____ of Christ (2:22–32)
- 3) Peter preaches the _____ of Christ (2:33–36)
- 4) Peter preaches _____ and the _____ of sins (2:37–41)

Application:

- 1) _____ the entirety of God’s Word into your _____
- 2) _____ all three persons of the _____
- 3) _____ the good news of Jesus with _____

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 2:14–36. If you were to describe Peter’s sermon with one word, what word would you use? What are the essential doctrinal truths that Peter conveys in this sermon? Why was the resurrection of Christ an essential element to Peter’s sermon in Acts 2?

How does Peter connect Christ to OT Scripture? How does he connect Christ to David? How does Peter emphasize the deity of Jesus as part of his messiahship?

Read Acts 2:37–41. How did the audience respond to Peter’s preaching? What was so convicting about Peter’s message? What did Peter promise the listeners if they repented?

GET PERSONAL

Have you repented of your sins and put your faith in Christ? Do you believe in both Jesus’s humanity and deity? Is it necessary to believe in Jesus’s deity to be saved?

Have you been baptized as a demonstration of your faith and repentance? If so, when? Why is baptism important for believers? How do you react when you see other people being baptized at church? Do you celebrate? Are you reminded of your own baptism?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Why is repentance an essential part of the gospel? Why do we need to hear “bad news” first, before we can embrace “good news?” List the names of 2 or 3 specific people that you want to boldly share the good news of Jesus with. Pray for those individuals right now and ask God to give you an opportunity to share your faith this week.

ADVANCED QUESTION

Acts 2:38 seems to indicate that water baptism is necessary for the forgiveness of sins! Is it. Do we have examples in the NT of unbaptized individuals who had their sins forgiven? Are there examples in the NT of “gospel presentations” that didn’t include a call to be baptized? For help with these questions, see the following article by John Piper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/is-baptism-necessary-for-salvation>