



Title | The Core Content of Our Testimony
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 2:22-41
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Sermon Notes

Acts 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—**23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. . . .” **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. . . .” **36** “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **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. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Acts 2:36

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

The big idea from Acts 2:22-41 is this: the core content of the good news of Jesus Christ includes three elements: a premise, a promise, and a proviso. How would you describe the three elements in your own words?

Tuesday:

Read John 3:16. Identify the premise, the promise, and the proviso in this verse. Read John 6:47. Are all the elements represented in this verse? Why or why not?

Wednesday:

Write a summary statement in your own words that captures the three elements of the gospel.

Thursday:

Who do you think are the people most likely to reject the simplicity of the gospel message? How should we respond to these people?

Friday:

Read Acts 2:41. What happens in response to Peter's speech? What accounts for this remarkable response? Given how simple the good news is, and how powerfully the Spirit works through Peter and us, who needs to hear this good news from you?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the simplicity of the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for promising eternal life. Thank you for dying and rising again to make your promise possible. And thank you for making the truly important things so easy a child can understand and believe. Help me to share this good news. Amen.