

UNSTOPPABLE POWER

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

“THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED”

ACTS 2:14-47

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Introduction: Today, we are going to look at the first sermon ever preached in the church and the dramatic, supernatural results of that message that continue to reverberate today.

I. **A Supernatural Church Is Holy Spirit-Empowered** (Acts 2:1-11)

Acts 2:1-4 ¹ “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.”

II. **A Supernatural Church Is Christ-Centered** (Acts 2:14-41)

A. **Introduction to Peter’s Sermon** (Acts 2:14-21)

Acts 2:14-17 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. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you supposed, for it is only the third hour of the day; 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 PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS.”

B. **The Focus of Peter’s Sermon** (Acts 2:22-36)

1. **Jesus’ Life** (Acts 2:22)

Acts 2:22 “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—”

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2. Jesus' Death (Acts 2:23)

Acts 2:23 “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.”

3. Jesus' Resurrection (Acts 2:24-36)

Acts 2:24 “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.”

Acts 2:25-28 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.”

Acts 2:29-32 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, 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.”

Two Reasons for Highlighting the Resurrection

1. **The resurrection was the signal proof that Jesus was the Messiah.**
2. **Evidence for the resurrection was all around them.**

Acts 2:36 “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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C. The Results of Peter’s Sermon (Acts 2:37-41)

Acts 2:37 “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?’”

Acts 2:38 “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.’”

Acts 2:41 “So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.”

III. A Supernatural Church Is Mission-Centered (Acts 2:42-47)

Acts 2:42 “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Four Priorities of the Early Church

A. “The Apostle’s Teaching”

B. “Fellowship”

C. “The Breaking of Bread”

D. “Prayer”

Acts 2:46-47 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, 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.”

Conclusion