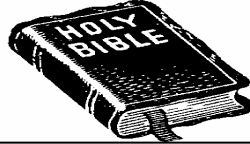


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THE FIRST GOSPEL SERMON – PART II

- More On The Pentecost Audience** These folks were *Jews* (Acts 2:5) and had come to observe the Pentecost festival under the Law of Moses. Paul later asserts (Gal 3:21): “*If there _____ a law _____ which could have _____, verily _____ should have been by the law.*” (a) God gave the Law of Moses. (b) It was a *given* law. (c) It could not give life. (d) Even though these *Jews* were *subject to the gospel* they were not yet believers of the gospel. (e) The *gospel of Christ* was first preached to them on this (Acts 2) Pentecost Day.
- The Preachers** Peter was one of the preachers but all twelve of the apostles spoke (V4). “*But _____, _____ up with _____, lifted up his voice, and said unto them.*” Some erroneously conclude that Jesus (Mt 16:18-19) singled out Peter as “the head” when he said “*I will build my _____ and I will give unto thee _____ of the _____ of heaven.*” Jesus repeated the same instructions (16:19) in (18:18) to all of them.
- The Keys** A key opens a door (ie: something that was heretofore locked). Jesus had previously told the apostles (Mk 13:11): “*Take no thought _____ what ye shall speak, neither do ye _____: but whatsoever _____ in that hour, _____: for it is not ye that speak, but the _____.*” They were “the executors” of his last will and testament and were fulfilling that role on this Pentecost Day (Mt 19:28). They unlocked the door of the NT Church with these “keys” when they gave the conditions for entering the kingdom of heaven.
- Their Words Were Holy Spirit Inspired** (Acts 2:4) “*They were _____ filled with the _____, and began to _____ with _____ tongues, as the _____ them _____.*” Since they were not to (Mk 13:11) “*premeditate,*” and they intelligibly spoke foreign languages (V6) they had not learned, it is readily apparent this was *verbal inspiration*. The Word of God was first spoken, later written (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21).
- Components Of The Sermon** It dealt with gospel facts. (a) The life of Christ: (V22) “*Jesus of _____, a man _____ of God _____ you.*” (b) The death of Christ: (V23) “*Ye have taken, and by _____ hands have _____ and _____.*” (c) The resurrection of Christ: (V24) “*Whom _____ hath _____ up.*” (d) Jesus’ ascension: (V33) “*By the _____ hand of _____ exalted.*” (e) Christ’s throne & reign: (V30) “*knowing that God had _____ with an _____ to him, that of the _____ of his _____, according to the _____, he would _____ Christ to _____ on his _____.*” God had promised this to King David and (Mt 1:17) gives the fleshly linkage. (f) The summation: (V36) “*Let all the _____ of _____ know assuredly, that God _____ that same _____, whom ye have crucified, both _____ and _____.*”
- The Sermon’s Effect** (V37) “*Now _____ they _____ this, they were _____ in their _____.*” Next, they asked: “*Men and brethren, _____ _____ _____?*” This indicates that they were emotionally moved and their interest was aroused. Many were prompted to action.