**The Book of Acts – The first Christian Sermon – Acts 2**

**Jesus promise & command – Acts 1:8 –** but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth

**Key Word** – Witnesses – “martus” – witness to what you have seen or heart or know

**The apostles witness at Pentecost – 2: 1- 13**

2:5 – Jews from every nation had gathered for Pentecost festival

2:6 – The Jews from every nation heard the apostles preach in their own language

2:9-10 – these 17 areas represent the entire Roman Empire world-wide. These people hearing the gospel could take the message of the gospel back as they went home. Therefore, the gospel was given to the entire empire within months after Pentecost!

2: 7 – The people asked, Are not all these speaking Galileans?

2:8 – The people asked, how are we hearing in our own language?

2:12 – The people asked, what does this mean?

**The first apostolic sermon – Peter – 2:14 – 36**

**Acts 2:14 –** Peter taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them…

**Key Word** – declared – “apofthengomai” – speak out or speak forth – solemn speech

Preaching in the Book of Acts – The apostles were preachers like Jesus

Matt. 4:17 – from that time Jesus began to preach and say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Matt. 11:1 – He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities

They declared the gospel - “apofthengomai” – speak out or speak forth – solemn speech

They preached the gospel - announced – “eangelizo”

They proclaimed the gospel – town crier – public announcer of a proclamation – “karusso”

They testified to the gospel – solemnly affirm – “deamarturomi”

They taught the gospel – Acts 4:2

1. The apostles preached then the people went out preaching

 Acts 8:1 – those who had been scattered went about preaching the word

1. The apostles preaching including exhortation & instruction

 Acts 4:2 – they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead

1. The apostles preaching of the gospel spoke to the heart & mind to call people to be saved

 Acts 2:12 – **What does this mean?**

 Acts 2:37 – **What shall we do?**

The apostles & early church used life opportunities to preach the gospel.

1. Pentecost
2. Healing of lame man
3. Opposition & critics
4. Persecution
5. Seekers trying to understand the bible
6. Seekers trying to find God
7. Imprisonment

**The message of the first apostolic sermon – Acts 2:14 – 36**

1. The Holy Spirit is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel 2:28 -32 – Acts 2:16 – 21

 Acts 2:18 – will in those days pour forth My Spirit and they shall prophesy

1. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved – Acts 2:21

Acts 2:40 – be saved from this perverse generation!

Acts 2:47 – the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved

**Key word** – saved – to be rescued from destruction – “sozo”

The term “saved” appears 12 times in Acts: 2:21,40,47;4:12;11:14;15:1,11;16:30,31;27:20,31;28:4

1. Jesus Christ is the Messiah because of His works – Acts 2:22

 Jesus the Nazarene – John 19:19 – Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the cross, it was written, Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews

 Jesus the Nazarene was crucified – it was the identification of the death of Christ!

 Acts 2:23 – you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men & put him to death

1. Jesus Christ is the Messiah because of His resurrection – Acts 2:24 -Ps 16:8 -11

Acts 2:24 – But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it is impossible for Him to be held in its power – Ps. 16:8 -11

Acts 2:31 – He looked ahead & spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades not did His flesh suffer decay

Acts 2:32 – this Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses

1. Jesus Christ is the Messiah because He is exalted & has given the Holy Spirit– Acts 2:33 Psalm 110:1

 Acts 2:33 – there for having been exalted to the right hand of God & having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. – Ps. 110:1

 Acts 2:36 – let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified!

 Jesus the crucified is risen Lord & Christ

 Eph. 1: 20 – 22 - He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead & seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places far above all rule & authority & power& dominion, & every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church

 Heb. 1:3 - …when He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

 Heb. 1:13 – to which of the angels has He ever said, sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet?

 Heb. 10:12 – 13 – having offered one sacrifice for sin, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from the that time onward till His enemies be made a footstool for His feet

 Heb.12:2 – …has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

 1 Pet. 3:22 – who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels & authorities & powers had been subjected to Him

**The content of apostolic preaching**

1. Jesus crucified
2. Jesus raised from the dead
3. Jesus exalted
4. Jesus Lord & Christ
5. Call for repentance & faith in Jesus Christ
6. Biblically based preaching & teaching