

Sermons
Acts

Definition of “Sermon”

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 - ***Apothegommai*** – Greek meaning to “speak forth” (not everyday speaking) – Acts 2.4, 14; Acts 26.25 “speak forth”
 - **Discourse, speech, defense**
 - **Attempt to convince, convict, convert**

Why Study?

- **1 Corinthians 1.20-21**
- **John 17.17-20**
- **Hebrews 2.1-4**

Jesus' Parting Instructions

- **Luke 24.25-27**

- **Luke 24.44-49**

- **Acts 1.3-8**

Outline of Acts

1. Introduction (1.1-11) - **Ascension & promise of Holy Spirit**
2. Origin of Church: Jerusalem (1.12-8.3) - **Stephen's death & Persecution**
3. Period of Transition: Samaria (8.4-11.18) - **Gentile (Cornelius) Conversion**
4. Expansion to Gentiles (11.19-21.16) Paul's Mission: Antioch and Empire - **Paul's Arrest**
5. Imprisonment & Defense of Paul (21.17-28.31): Caesarea & Rome – **End of Acts**

Sermons in Acts

- 1. Peter on Pentecost – Acts 2**
- 2. Peter at Solomon's Porch – Acts 3**
- 3. Stephen's Defense – Acts 7**
- 4. Peter at home of Cornelius – Acts 10**
- 5. Paul at Antioch of Pisidia – Acts 13**
- 6. Paul at Lystra – Acts 14**
- 7. Paul at Athens – Acts 17**
- 8. Paul at Miletus – Acts 20**
- 9. Paul before Agrippa and Festus – Acts 26**

Themes to Look For

- 1. Miracles & Signs of Jesus – with witnesses**
- 2. Rejection by the Jews**
- 3. Resurrection of Jesus – with witnesses**
- 4. Prophecies of the Christ fulfilled in Jesus**
Suffering Messiah
Resurrection
Coronation (Throne of David)
- 5. Christ's Current Reign in Heaven**
- 6. Coming Judgment**

Themes to Look For

- 7. God's Control in Events**
- 8. Paul before Agrippa and Festus – Acts 26**
- 9. Human Guilt Before God**
- 10. Forgiveness by Response to the Gospel**
- 11. Requirement to Repent**
- 12. Baptism**
- 13. Exclusivity of Truth**
- 14. Universality of the Gospel**

Messages NOT Found

- **An Appeal to Worldly Comfort or Success**
- **A Mission of Universal Benevolence**
- **A Call for Social Justice**
- **An Acceptance of All Religions**
- **Prediction of a Future Earthly Kingdom**

Two-step Proof

The Prophets said the Messiah would...

- **Be Opposed by Rulers**
- **Suffer & Be Killed**
- **Be Exalted to David's Throne**
- **Provide Forgiveness of Sins**
- **Bring in All Nations**

Jesus was...

- **Opposed**
- **Crucified**
- **Exalted to David's Throne (God's Right)**
- **Providing Forgiveness of Sins**
- **Bringing in All Nations**



**...explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."
(Acts 17:3 NKJV)**

The Great Commission

	Man's Response	Result
Matthew 28.19	Baptizing	Make Disciples
Mark 16.16	Believe+Baptized	Saved
Luke 24.47	Repentance	Remission of Sins
Acts 2.38	(Believe) Repent & Be Baptized for	Remission of Sins

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