

The First Sermon (Part I): The Gospel Message

Acts 02: 14–24

1 *Infilled believers*

a. An explanation required

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

b. Not under the influence of man-made, induced excitement

15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!

c. Experiencing the fulfilment of Scripture

16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

2 *These are the last days, the days of God’s last work on earth*

a. The days of the great outpouring of God’s Spirit

17 ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

b. The days of terrible judgment at the end — the Day of the Lord

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

c. The days of great salvation

19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

<p>3 <i>This is the day of God's Saviour: Jesus of Nazareth</i></p> <p>a. His life: Approved by God</p> <p>b. His death</p> <p>1) Planned by God</p> <p>2) Due to man's wickedness</p> <p>c. His resurrection: Ended the agony of death</p>	<p>22 Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.</p> <p>23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.</p> <p>24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.</p>
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