

# 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><b>3 <i>This is the day of God's Saviour: Jesus of Nazareth</i></b></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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# The First Sermon (Part II) : Proofs of the Resurrection

## Acts 02:25–36

### 1 *Proof 1:*

#### *The prophecy of David – concerned Jesus*

##### a. Jesus' daily life

- 1) He had God's constant presence
- 2) He rejoiced and praised God
- 3) He lives in hope and trust

##### b. Jesus' conviction: God's deliverance

- 1) Not left in hell
- 2) Not see decay

##### c. Jesus' revelation: The path of life — God's presence

### 2 *Proof 2:*

#### *Peter's testimony*

##### a. David's prophecy could not refer to David

##### b. The prophecy referred to Jesus: His resurrection

- 1) Raised to reign with God
- 2) Raised to deliver His soul from hell or the grave
- 3) Raised to deliver His body from decay

### 3 *Proof 3:*

#### *The eye-witnesses — the disciples*

25 David said about him:

'I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad  
and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will live in hope,

27 Because you will not abandon me  
to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One  
see decay.

28 You have made known to me  
the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy  
in your presence.'

29 "Brothers,  
I can tell you confidently  
that the patriarch David died  
and was buried,  
and his tomb is here to this day.

30 But he was a prophet  
and knew that God had promised him on oath  
that he would place  
one of his descendants on his throne.

31 Seeing what was ahead,  
he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,  
that he was not abandoned to the grave,  
nor did his body see decay.

32 God has raised this Jesus to life,  
and we are all witnesses of the fact.

**4 Proof 4:**

***The exaltation  
and the ascension  
of Jesus into heaven***

a. Jesus was raised to be exalted

b. David prophesied  
the Lord's exaltation

c. Jesus was made  
both Lord and Messiah

33 Exalted to the right hand of God,  
he has received from the Father  
the promised Holy Spirit  
and has poured out  
what you now see and hear.

34 For David did not ascend to heaven,  
and yet he said,  
'The Lord said to my Lord:  
Sit at my right hand

35 Until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.'

36 Therefore let all Israel  
be assured of this:  
God has made this Jesus,  
whom you crucified,  
both Lord and Christ."