

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:22-41)

Commentary: Week Five

Peter Addresses the Crowd - Acts 2:14-41

Topics: <u>Basics of the Faith</u>, <u>Believers</u>, <u>Church</u>, <u>Evangelism</u>, <u>Gospel</u>, <u>Holy Spirit</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Messiah</u>, <u>Miracles</u>, <u>People</u>, <u>Power</u>, <u>Prophecy</u>, <u>Repentance</u>, <u>Salvation</u>, <u>Witnessing</u>

Open It

- 1. If you had to give a twenty-minute speech in front of a large crowd, what topic would you speak on?
- 2. How would you prefer to give a speech—well prepared ahead of time, or impromptu? Why?
- 3. *How would you feel just before getting up to speak to a large group of people?

Explore It

- 4. When Peter stood up to speak, who stood up with him? (2:14)
- 5. Whom did Peter address and what command did he give them? (2:14)
- 6. What was Peter's defense? (2:15)
- 7. What were the believers experiencing? (2:16-21)
- 8. Why did Peter quote from <u>Joel 2</u>? (2:17-21)
- 9. *What did Peter say about Jesus of Nazareth? (2:22-24)
- 10. How was God in control of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? (2:22-24)
- 11. *How did Peter explain Christ's work as Messiah? (2:25-35)
- 12. What testimony of the apostles did Peter give? (2:32)
- 13. Who sent the Holy Spirit? (2:32-33)
- 14. *How did the hearers respond to Peter's words? (2:37)
- 15. What did Peter tell his audience to do? (2:38-40)
- 16. What happened to those who accepted Peter's message? (2:41)
- 17. What effect did Peter's sermon have? (2:41)
- 18. How many were added to the fellowship of believers that day? (2:41)

Get It

- 19. Whose preaching challenges you most? Why?
- 20. What is your favorite quote from a famous preacher?
- 21. How did you become a Christian?
- 22. *How were you challenged to become a believer?
- 23. *How can you challenge others to follow Christ?
- 24. How have you been changed by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- 25. What is the significance of baptism to you?
- 26. In what ways do you need to be more like Peter?

Apply It

- 27. What could you say to help someone else see God's perspective on an issue of personal concern?
- 28. *How can you prepare your friends and neighbors for the news that Christ can change their lives?