

# Sermon Handout

## The Evangelistic Sermon

### Acts 2:14-36

#### I. The Gospel as History

- a. The prophecy of Joel 2:28-32 vv. 16-24 “This is that”
  - Note: the “last days” begins at the ascension
  - Displayed at Pentecost with miraculous signs *see* vv. 32-33
  - “See and hear” vv. 2-3 *cf.* Ex 20:18
  - Apocalyptic imagery vv. 19-20 (not to be taken literally)
- b. The prophecy of David vv. 25-35
  - vv. 25-28 cite Ps 16:8-11 (LXX), explained in vv. 29-32
  - Ties it to Jesus Ps 132:11 *cf.* Acts 13:34 (Is 55:3)
  - Also Acts 13:33 (Ps 2:7); 13:35 (Ps 16:10)
  - vv. 33-35 cite Ps 110:1 (*cf.* Ps 118:16 LXX) *see* Mt 22:41-45
  - David’s tomb still full; Jesus’ tomb is empty!
- c. Peter’s conclusion v. 36 *cf.* vv. 23-24
  - Contrast between Jew’s treatment of Jesus and God’s

#### II. The Call to Repentance vv. 37-40

- a. Those hearing are convicted by the sermon v. 37 “What shall we do?”
  - The message brings conviction and a cry for direction
- b. They are directed to repent and believe v. 38 *cf.* Mt 3:2; 4:17
  - Be baptized *in the name of Jesus Christ*
  - See* v. 21 (Joel 2:32) Jesus = YHWH
  - cf.* Phil 2:10 (Isa 45:23) & I Pet 3:15 “the Lord Christ” (Isa 8:13)
- c. Further exhortations v. 40 “save yourselves”
  - i. “many other words” – Luke is summarizing Peter’s response
  - ii. “this crooked generation” *see* vv. 23, 36
    - They must embrace the rejected Christ *cf.* Mt 21:42; Ps 118:22
    - The sinful response versus the godly response (*cf.* vv. 23-24, 36)

#### III. Implications

- a. Proclaim Jesus as the revelation of the Almighty God (Jn 1:18)
  - He is the fulfillment of God’s promise of redemption.
- b. Repentance from sin and affirmation of the Lordship & resurrection of Jesus
  - This is the heart of the gospel message v. 38 and Rom 10:9
- c. We are to set our hearts on serving Jesus **as the Lord** I Pet 3:15