

What it Means to Preach Jesus - I

TEXT: Acts 5:42

INTRODUCTION:

- A. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PREACH JESUS AS THE CHRIST?
- B. LEARNED BY EXAMINING SERMONS IN **ACTS**.
- C. LET'S LOOK AT **ACTS 2**.

I. FACTS TO BE BELIEVED.

- A. **PURPOSE** OF PETER'S PREACHING - **SAVE SOULS**(**1 Cor. 1:21**).
- B. HIS PREACHING MUST PRODUCE **FAITH**(**Rom. 10:13-17**).
- C. IN ORDER TO PRODUCE FAITH, FACTS MUST BE PRESENTED THAT CAN BE BELIEVED. WHAT FACTS DID PETER PRESENT?
 1. Jesus **approved** of God(**vs. 22**). How?
 - a. "mighty works, wonders, and signs which God did by him"
 - b. **John 20:30-31**. "These are written..."
 2. Jews **crucified** Jesus at the hand of lawless men(**vs. 23**).
 - a. God's will(**Matt. 26:39; Eph. 1:10**).
 - b. By his foreknowledge(**Eph. 3:11; 1 Pet. 1:18-20**).
 3. God **raised** Jesus from the dead(**vs. 24-32**).
 - a. Appeal to prophecy(**vs. 25-31**).
 - b. Appeal to witnesses(**vs. 32**).
 - c. We have hope thru his resurrection(**1 Pet. 1:3**).
 4. Jesus ascended into heaven and **exalted** by God(**vs. 33-36**).
 - a. Evidenced by the outpouring of the Spirit(**vs. 33**).
 - b. Another appeal to prophecy(**vs. 34-35**).
 - c. **Significance**(**vs. 36**). **LORD AND CHRIST!**
 5. The accusation(**vs. 36 - Rom. 3:23**) and response(**vs. 37**).

II. COMMANDS TO BE OBEYED(Acts 2:38).

- A. **REPENT!**
 1. God's goodness demands it(**Rom. 2:4**).
 2. What is it?
 - a. A change of heart(**Rom. 12:9**).
 - b. A change of will(**Rom 6:12-13**).
 - c. A change of life(**Col. 3:9**).
 - d. Restitution where possible(**Luke 19:8**).
- B. BE **BAPTIZED**.
 1. Cleanses us from sin(**Acts 22:16**).
 2. Brings us into Jesus and his death(**Rom. 6:3**).
 3. Immersion in water(**Acts 8:36**).

III. PROMISES TO BE ENJOYED(Acts 2:38-39).

- A. REMISSION OF SINS.
- B. THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHAT IS THIS?

1. For the promise is to you(**vs. 39**).
2. What promise?(**Gen. 12:3 è Gal. 3:8, 14, 22, 28-29**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. RESPONSE(**vs. 41**).
- B. ALL OF US HAVE SINNED AND OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED.
- C. ALL OF US OUGHT TO **REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED.**