

“When the Church Began”

Acts 2:14-24

Introduction

- I. Jesus prepared His disciples for the coming of the church/kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19; Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46-49).
- II. There is ample evidence that helps us identify when the church/kingdom began.

Discussion

- I. The coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).
 - A. Jesus had explained that the Holy Spirit was coming (John 16:13; Acts 1:8).
 - B. If we can find when the apostles received “power”, then we can identify when the Holy Spirit came.
- II. The apostles were proven to be messengers of God (Acts 2:5-13).
 - A. The coming of the Holy Spirit gave the apostles the ability to perform miraculous deeds (Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:4).
 - B. By performing miracles, the apostles were able to confirm that what they were preaching was from God.
- III. Prophecy was fulfilled (Acts 2:14-21).
 - A. Jesus had already taught about the fulfilling of prophecies (Matt. 5:21; Luke 24:44).
 - B. The coming of the Holy Spirit was also prophesied (Joel 2:28-32).
- IV. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached for the first time (Acts 2:22-36).
 - A. Jesus had instructed His apostles that they would preach (Luke 24:47).
 - B. Peter explained to the Jews that the resurrection of Jesus had fulfilled prophecy as well (Psm. 16:8-11).
- V. Penitent believers obeyed (Acts 2:37-39).
 - A. Today, penitent believers can obey (Luke 13:3; Acts 8:36-37).
 - B. By doing such, they are saved (Mark 16:15-16).
- VI. The church began to grow (Acts 2:40-41, 47).
 - A. When the seed is planted and watered, God will give the increase (Luke 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:6).
 - B. Matt. 13:31-32

Conclusion

- I. The church of Christ began on the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection and ascension.
- II. The church of Christ continues to grow as man obeys the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).