

STUDIES IN ACTS

Lesson 5

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THE BEGINNING (PART III)

Acts 2:24-47

INTRODUCTION

I. The witness in Jerusalem 1:1---6:7

A. The expectation of the chosen 1:1---2:47

1. The introduction 1:1-5

2. The internment at Jerusalem 1:6-26

3. The inception of the Church 2:1-47

a. The descent of the Holy Spirit 2:1-13

b. The discourse of Peter 2:14-40

Outline of Peter's message:

1. This is the fulfillment of prophecy 2:15-21

2. Jesus is the Messiah 2:22-32

a. His works 2:22

b. His resurrection 2:23-32

Four evidences of Christ's resurrection

--Psalm 16:10 (vv. 25-31; 13:35-37)

--Witnesses (v. 32)

--The supernatural events of Pentecost (v. 33)

--Psalm 110:1

3. Jesus, the glorified Messiah has sent the Holy Spirit

2:33-36

vv. 34-35 (cf. Psalm 110:1)

v. 36

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4. Application 2:37-40

v. 38 Note various views of this verse:

--Necessity of baptism

-- "for" means "on the basis of"

**-- "and let each of you be baptized . . . Christ" is
parenthetical**

c. A description of the first church 2:41-47

v. 41

v. 42 Four activities or two?

v. 43 "apostles"

vv. 44-45 This is not Christian socialism because:

1.

2.

Why were they living on their assets?

vv. 46-47 NB. "in the temple" and "house to house"

v. 47 Progress report

Conclusion and application

