



# The Apostles Preached and Demonstrated the Gospel in Acts

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Acts 2:22–36 (1984 NIV)

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## 1. They Preached Jesus as Lord and Christ

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:22–36;  
Acts 10:36; Acts 17:7

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The apostles preached that Jesus is  
the promised Messiah, the risen Lord,  
and the One appointed by God with  
supreme authority.

Their message centered on the Person  
of Jesus, not religious theory, human  
wisdom, or moral improvement alone.

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## 2. They Preached the Death of Jesus for Sin

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:23; Acts  
3:13–15; Acts 13:27–29

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They declared that Jesus was  
rejected, betrayed, crucified, and  
killed according to God's redemptive  
purpose.

The cross was preached as the place  
where sin, guilt, and human rebellion  
were confronted through Christ.

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### 3. They Preached the Resurrection of Jesus

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:24;  
Acts 3:15; Acts 4:10;  
Acts 13:30–37

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The resurrection was central to apostolic preaching because it proved Jesus' victory over death and confirmed Him as Lord.

They did not preach Jesus as only a teacher or prophet, but as the living Christ raised by the power of God.

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## 4. They Called People to Repent and Believe

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:38;  
Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30;  
Acts 20:21

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The apostles called people to turn from sin, unbelief, idolatry, and self-rule toward faith in Jesus Christ.

Repentance was not treated as mere regret, but as a real turning of heart, mind, and life under the Lordship of Jesus.

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## 5. They Preached Forgiveness of Sins Through Jesus

**Scriptures:** Acts 5:31;  
Acts 10:43; Acts 13:38–39

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They announced that forgiveness  
comes through the name of Jesus  
Christ.

They preached that people are  
justified and released from guilt  
through faith in Him, not by the works  
of the law.

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## 6. They Preached the Gift and Power of the Holy Spirit

**Scriptures:** Acts 1:8;  
Acts 2:38–39;  
Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–6

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The apostles preached that the Holy Spirit was promised by the Father and poured out through the exalted Christ.

The Holy Spirit empowered witness, produced boldness, gave gifts, and made the gospel visible through supernatural demonstration.

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## 7. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Healing

**Scriptures:** Acts 3:6–8;  
Acts 5:12–16;  
Acts 9:32–35; Acts 14:8–10

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Healing showed that the risen Jesus  
was still working through His servants by  
the Holy Spirit.

The lame walked, the sick were  
healed, and physical restoration  
became a public witness to the  
authority of Jesus.

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## 8. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Deliverance

**Scriptures:** Acts 5:16;  
Acts 8:6–8; Acts 16:16–18;  
Acts 19:11–12

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The apostles and evangelists  
confronted demonic bondage  
through the name and authority of  
Jesus Christ.

Deliverance showed that the kingdom  
of God was overthrowing the kingdom  
of darkness and setting captives free.

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## 9. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Signs and Wonders

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:43;  
Acts 4:29–31; Acts 5:12;  
Acts 14:3

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Signs and wonders confirmed the  
message and bore witness that God  
was working through the apostles.

These demonstrations were not  
entertainment; they were visible  
testimony that Jesus was alive and  
reigning.

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## 10. They Preached the Kingdom of God

**Scriptures:** Acts 1:3;  
Acts 8:12; Acts 19:8;  
Acts 28:23; Acts 28:31

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The apostles preached the kingdom of God as the reign, authority, and saving rule of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

The kingdom message included forgiveness, deliverance, healing, discipleship, obedience, and heaven coming to earth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## 11. They Preached Jesus as Judge of the Living and the Dead

**Scriptures:** Acts 10:42;  
Acts 17:30–31; Acts 24:25

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The apostles declared that God  
appointed Jesus to judge the living  
and the dead.

Their gospel included accountability,  
righteousness, coming judgment, and  
the call to prepare for Christ's return.

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## 12. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Bold Witness Under Persecution

**Scriptures:** Acts 4:18–31;  
Acts 5:40–42; Acts 14:19–22

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The apostles kept preaching even  
when threatened, beaten, imprisoned,  
or opposed.

Their endurance demonstrated that  
the gospel was worth suffering for and  
that the Holy Spirit gave boldness  
under pressure.

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## 13. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Baptism and Public Allegiance

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:38–41;  
Acts 8:12; Acts 8:36–38;  
Acts 10:47–48

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Baptism publicly marked repentance,  
faith, cleansing, and allegiance to  
Jesus Christ.

Those who received the word were  
baptized, showing that the gospel  
demanded response, not mere  
admiration.

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## 14. They Demonstrated the Gospel Through Transformed Communities

**Scriptures:** Acts 2:42–47;  
Acts 4:32–35

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The gospel produced devotion to apostolic teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, generosity, unity, and worship.

The message was demonstrated not only through miracles but also through a new community shaped by the life of the Holy Spirit.

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## 15. They Confronted Idolatry, Occultism, and False Spiritual Power

**Scriptures:** Acts 8:18–24;  
Acts 13:6–12; Acts 16:16–18;  
Acts 19:18–20

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The apostles confronted counterfeit power, sorcery, divination, and occult practices through the authority of Jesus.

In Ephesus, people renounced occult practices, destroyed magical materials, and the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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