

Lessons from the First Raised to Life Weekend

Acts 2:36-41 (NIV)

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

- I. At the first raised to life, many realized they had been wrong about Jesus! (Acts 2:36)
- 2. At the first raised to life, many realized they were responsible for the death of lesus! (Acts 2:37)
 - When you have been cut to the heart you finally realize your sin sent Jesus to the Cross.
 - When you've been cut to the heart, sin becomes less about breaking God's rules and more about breaking His heart.

- 3. At the first raise to life, baptisms were immediate, unplanned, and spontaneous! (Acts 2:41)
 - Baptism is a public declaration of a brand-new association.
 - Your relationship with Jesus is personal but it was never meant to be private.
- 4. At the first raised to life, many moved from excuses to obedience!