WHAT DID THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH TEACH ABOUT JESUS?

(A Study in Acts)

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"KERYGMA" PREACHING JESUS

Acts is the only book in the Bible that records the actual historical accounts of the beginnings of the first century church. The aim of the study is to find out what the apostles were teaching about Jesus and what the recipients of the message were being told to do in response. Hopefully by doing so there will emerge a clear pattern concerning the aforementioned questions.

Directions

In each passage from the book of Acts, check the boxes concerning what is being taught about the message of Jesus and what the people were being taught to do in response to that message. <u>Note that in some cases there may not have been any instruction mentioned, but only inferred.</u>

Acts 2:22-39 Peter's Presentation on Pentecost

What were they taught about Jesus?

He performed miracles. vs
He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
He will judge mankind or the world. vs.
He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
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He died for the sins of mankind. vs
He ascended into heaven. vs
He is the Christ or Messiah. vs.
He has a kingdom. vs.

What were they instructed to do in response?
□ Believe vs
 Invite Jesus into their heart vs.
□ Confession of Jesus as Christ vs
□ Repent (change one's heart) vs
□ Be sprinkled with water vs
 Be immersed in water (baptize) vs
 Keep the Ten Commandments vs.
□ Live a godly life for Christ vs
□ Sav a sinner's praver vs.

Acts 3:12-4:4 Peter's Presentation on Solomon's Porch

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
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Acts 4:8-12 Peter's Presentation to the High Priests

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Acts 5:28-32 Peter's Presentation to the Council

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
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Acts 5:42 Apostles encounters from house to house

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Acts 8:4-13 The Conversion of the Samaritans

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
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Acts 8:26-39 The Conversion of the Eunuch

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	He performed miracles. vs
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Acts 9:1-22; 22:3-16 The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
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	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
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Acts 10:34-48; 11:13-14 The Conversion of Cornelius

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	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
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Acts 13:23-42 Paul and Barnabas' Presentation to Pisidia of Antioch

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Acts 16:14-15 The Conversion of Lydia and Household

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
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Acts 16:16-17 Paul's Presentation to the Philippians

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
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Acts 16:29-34 The Conversion of the Eunuch

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
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	Keep the Ten Commandments vs
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Acts 17:1-9 The Conversion of the Thessalonians

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
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Acts 17:16-34 The Conversion of the Athenians

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Acts 18:5-8 Paul's Presentation to the Corinthians

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
	He ascended into heaven. vs
	He is the Christ or Messiah. vs
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	Repent (change one's heart) vs
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	Keep the Ten Commandments vs
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П	Say a sinner's prayer vs.

Acts 18:24-28 Apollos' Presentation to the Corinthians

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	He was prophesied in the Old Testament.	vs
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs He suffered death, burial and resurrection.	
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	Repent (change one's heart) vs	
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	Be immersed in water (baptize) vs	
	Keep the Ten Commandments vs	
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Г	Say a sinner's prayer vs	

Acts 19:8-10; 20:21 Paul's Presentation to the Ephesians

	nat were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
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Acts 24:25 Paul's Presentation to Felix

<u>vv</u>	nat were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
	He ascended into heaven. vs
	He is the Christ or Messiah. vs
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Acts 26:19-23 Paul's Summary of Presentation to King Agrippa

vviiai	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
	He ascended into heaven. vs
	He is the Christ or Messiah. vs
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	Believe vs Invite Jesus into their heart vs Confession of Jesus as Christ vs Repent (change one's heart) vs Be sprinkled with water vs Be immersed in water (baptize) vs

Acts 28:23-24 Paul's Presentation to the Jews of Rome

What	were they taught about Jesus?
	He performed miracles. vs
	He was prophesied in the Old Testament. vs.
	He will judge mankind or the world. vs
	He suffered death, burial and resurrection. vs.
	He died for the sins of mankind. vs
	He ascended into heaven. vs
	He is the Christ or Messiah. vs
	He has a kingdom. vs
What	were they instructed to do in response?
	Believe vs
	Invite Jesus into their heart vs
	Confession of Jesus as Christ vs
	Repent (change one's heart) vs
	Be sprinkled with water vs
	Be immersed in water (baptize) vs
	Keep the Ten Commandments vs
	Live a godly life for Christ vs
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Summary of the Data Collected

Using the collected data concerning the message preached about Jesus and what they were taught to do in response to that message, do a check list summary below. Transfer the checks from your previous sheets.

What were they taught about Jesus?

He performed miracles.
He was prophesied in the Old Testament.
He will judge mankind or the world.
He suffered death, burial and resurrection.
He died for the sins of mankind.
He ascended into heaven.
He is the Christ or Messiah.
He has a kingdom.

What were they instructed to do in response?

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Invite Jesus into their heart
Confession of Jesus as Christ
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Repent (change one's heart)
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Be sprinkled with water
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Be immersed in water (baptize)
o ooooooo o oooooo
Keep the Ten Commandments
Live a godly life for Christ
o ooooooo o oooooo
Say a sinner's prayer

Based on your research of the Book of Acts, can you clearly see a pattern concerning what was taught about Jesus by the apostles? Yes / No

Based on the same research, can you clearly see a pattern of instruction concerning their response to this message of Jesus?
Yes / No

Were there any categories that were not checked? Yes / No If so, which ones?
What biblical message should we be preaching about Jesus to the lost?
What should we be teaching others to do concerning their response to the message of Jesus?
How did the people react when the heard the message about Jesus?

How did the people feel in the Book of Acts when they obeyed what was commanded by the apostles?
How did you react when you identified the message of Jesus as explained by the apostles?
How do you think you will feel when obeying the same commands in response to the gospel message about Jesus?
What are you prepared to do when you hear of someone preaching a different message about Jesus or a different response to that message concerning salvation?