

**Acts: Confidence for the Church**  
**(iii) The sword of the Spirit!**  
**Acts 2:14-41**

**What is Acts about?**

**Why was it written?** (*Luke 1:1-4; 24:45-53; Acts 1:1-8*)

*Confidence about the gospel*

*Confidence about the spread of the gospel*

*Confidence about the power for the spread of the gospel*

**The story so far**

*Jesus ascended into heaven from where he will return (1:9-11)*

*Matthias chosen to replace Judas (1:12-26)*

*The Holy Spirit descends bringing the Church into being (2:1-13)*

**Peter preaches (Acts 2:14-41)**

- 1) The Holy Spirit comes in fulfilment of prophecy (vv14-21)
  
- 2) It's all about Jesus (vv22-36)
  - Jesus' divine humanity (v22)
  - Jesus' death (v23)
  - Jesus' resurrection (vv24-32)
  - Jesus' ascension and exaltation (vv33-34)
  - Jesus' return as King and Judge (vv35-36)
  
- 3) The *effect* of preaching Christ (vv37-41)
  - Cut to the heart
  - How to respond
  - Need to respond