

BEST OF THE BEST

Booklet 20

Bible Digest

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Theme:

The Early Christian Church.

Pilate crucified Jesus.

Romans fed Christians to lions.

The Roman Empire is dead; the Church is alive.

“Rome” is the “Church.”

Reality Check:

Who is in control? Who has the last word?



The Early Christian Church.

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, as you go, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and **Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"*

(1) Matthew 28: 18-20*



The Ascension of Christ, 40 Days after Easter:

*Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**"*

(2) Acts 1: 8-11



Pentecost, 50 Days after Easter:

*Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them; and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

(3) Acts 2: 2-4



This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
**“ ... I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.**

...

That whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

(4) Acts 2:15-21



Then Peter said to them,
**“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of
Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;
and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is to you and to your children.”**

(5) Acts 2: 38, 39



**And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

(6) Acts 2: 42



**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and they spoke the word of God with boldness.**

(7) Acts 4:31



**Daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease
teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.**

(8) Acts 5: 42



We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.

(9) Acts 14:22



Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

Peter began to speak:

“I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

(10) Acts 10: 34, 35



The churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, and were edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

(11) Acts 12: 24



For I have not shunned

to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

(12) Acts 20: 27, 28



PRAYERS:

*The witnesses laid down their clothes
at the feet of a young man named Saul.*

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying,

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

(13) Acts 7: 57 -59



Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

(14) Acts 4: 29

