

How did it all begin?
Isaiah 2:2-3
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Thesis: I want to show what the Bible says about how the church began.

Intro: 1. In order to know more about the church we have to know when it began.
2. The prophecies of the church concern one church, but which one?

I. Old Testament Prophecies about the church

A. Isaiah 2:2-3

1. Last days
2. Lord's house - House of God
3. All nations
4. Out of Zion shall go forth the Law
5. The word of the Lord will go out from Jerusalem

B. Joel 2:28-32

1. Afterward
2. Pour out My Spirit on all flesh
3. In Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance

C. Daniel 2:28, 44

1. In the days of those kings
2. God will set up a kingdom
 - i. Never be destroyed
 - ii. It shall stand forever

II. New Testament Prophecies about the church

A. Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17

1. Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

B. Matthew 16:18-19

1. I will build My church
2. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

C. Mark 9:1

1. Some would not taste death till they saw the kingdom of God
2. Kingdom would come with power

D. Luke 24:47

1. Repentance and remission of sins preached to all nations beginning at Jerusalem

III. Prophecies Fulfilled

A. Acts 2

1. **1-4, 33** Holy Spirit came with power
2. **14, 38** Peter preaching
3. **16-17** Joel's prophecy
 - i. Last days - **Heb. 1:1-3**
 - ii. Spirit poured out
 - iii. In Jerusalem

4. **22** Some of the same people Christ had taught were still alive
5. **30** Christ is King
6. **38** Repentance and remission of sins preached
7. **41** Peter had the keys to open the doors to the kingdom
8. **47** Church is now in existence.

B. Acts 8:1, 4

1. Witness in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria
2. The word went out from Jerusalem

C. Col 1:23

1. Gentiles a part of the kingdom - all nations

D. 1 Timothy 3:15

1. House of God - Church

Application & Conclusion:

1. We have seen there is only one church mentioned in the Bible. The church Christ said He would build.
2. Which church are you a part of, which church should you be a part of?
3. Full Invitation