

# **The Beginning Of The Church**

When analyzing the New Testament to determine the beginning of the church, three arguments are plainly seen. The first relates the kingdom and the law. The kingdom was to begin and the law go forth from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3; Luke 24:47). The law went forth on Pentecost from Jerusalem (Acts 2:37-38). Therefore, Pentecost was the beginning (Acts 2:1-4; 11:15). The second relates the kingdom and power. The kingdom was to come with power (Mark 9:1). Power was to come with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Therefore, the kingdom came on Pentecost. The third relates the law and Jerusalem. The law was to go forth from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3). The apostles were commissioned to preach (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16); but were instructed to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to guide them before the beginning (Luke 24:49). The Holy Spirit and preaching of the gospel came on Pentecost, therefore the law of the kingdom began on Pentecost.

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