

Day One!

Big Church, Part 1

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The church started as a _____,
not a location,
not an institution.

Ekklesia: assembly, gathering, congregation (Greek)

Kirche: Lord's House (German)

The result: Whoever controlled the building controlled...
the church
the scripture
the people
the government

"If God spares my life, before many years, I will cause the boy that drives a plow to know more of the Scriptures than you do!"

William Tyndale

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my (Ekklesia) church, and the gates of death will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:16

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:6-8

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:36-41

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*