1. N.T. TELLS ABOUT A COMING KINGDOM ("CHURCH")

(Matthew 3:1-2) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:12) "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 16:15-19) "I will build My church ... keys to the kingdom of heaven ... "

(Matthew 20:17-19) Jesus informs the disciples about His coming crucifixion and resurrection.

2. AT THE PASSOVER WEEKEND

(Matthew 26:17) observes the Passover. (v26-28) institutes His own supper. Then, (Matthew 26:36-56) events in Gethsemane. (Matt. 27:31) "and when they had mocked Him... led Him away to be crucified." (Luke 23:46) "He breathed His last." (v51) His body buried. (Luke 24:6-8) "He is risen"

3. 40 DAYS AFTER THIS PASSOVER WEEKEND - (Acts 1:1-3) "40 days"

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, we have His last words.

(Matthew 28:18-20) "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ... "
(Mark 16:15-16) "preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized ... "
(Luke 24:44 - 52) "... that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem ... tarry in the city until you are endued with power from on high ... He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

4. 10 DAYS AFTER JESUS ASCENDED - (Acts 2:1) "the Day of Pentecost"

"repentance" - (Acts 2:38) "Repent"

"and remission of sins" - (v38) "every one of you be baptized ... for remission of sins"

"in His name" - (v38) "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"

"to all nations" - (Acts 2:5) "and there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven"

"beginning at Jerusalem" - (Acts 1:11-12) "Then they returned to Jerusalem"

"but tarry in the city" - (Luke 24:52) "returned to the city" also (Acts 1:11-12)

"until you are endued with power from on high" - (Acts 2:1-4, v6-8)

(Acts 2:36-47) is the "birthday" of the church. (v47) "And the Lord added daily those who were being saved." After this text, the "church" is referenced to being in existence, and not a coming kingdom.

5. EVERY CONVERSION ACCOUNT IN ACTS INCLUDES "BAPTISM"

(Acts 2:38) "be baptized" (Acts 8:12) "were baptized" (Acts 8:38) "he baptized him"

(Acts 9:18) "he arose and was baptized" (Acts 10:47) "be baptized" (Acts 16:15, v33)

(Acts 18:8) "the Corinthians, hearing, believed, and were baptized"