

## Acts 2:14-41

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 11-2-16

### Context

- I. Introduction
  - A. Introduction to Luke (Luke 1:1-4)
  - B. Introduction to Acts (Acts 1:1-5)
- II. In Jerusalem (1:6-6:7)
  - A. Waiting for Pentecost (1:6-26)
  - B. The Day of Pentecost (2:1-47)**
  - C. The outbreak of persecution (3:1-4:31)
  - D. Satanic counter-attack (4:32-6:7)

### Speeches in Acts

Luke's intention - recording what Jesus continued to "do and to \_\_\_\_\_" (1:1)

19 significant Christian speeches - Peter (8), Stephen & James (1 each), Paul (9)

### Peter's Speech in Acts 2:14-36

Quotation of Joel (vv. 14-21)

- Vv. 17-18 = \_\_\_\_\_ of what Luke has described in vv. 1-13
  - Peter's sermon is an interpretation of Old Testament scripture in light of its fulfillment
- V. 17 - "last days" - Jesus' inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ Age, verified by the outpouring of the Spirit, the OT promise for the end of times.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - image of a tropical rainstorm
  - Its \_\_\_\_\_ - what is poured out is not gathered back in
  - Its \_\_\_\_\_ - all people (irrespective of sex/age/rank)
- V. 18 - "and they shall prophesy"
  - "Prophesying, dreams, and visions" = universal \_\_\_\_\_ of Spirit-filled believers
    - Luther - "The knowledge of God through Christ which the Holy Spirit kindles and makes to burn through the word of the gospel."
  - Because we know him, we must make him known.
- Vv. 19-20 - wonders, signs, events, etc. indicate the timing and nature of the age
  - 2 ways of understanding:
    - Literal upheavals of \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Luke 21:11; 23:44-45)
    - Convulsions of \_\_\_\_\_ - Typical apocalyptic imagery

Day of Pentecost → Day of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21) → Day of the Lord

Peter's Testimony of Jesus (vv. 22-41) - the story of Jesus in 6 stages:

- His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)
  - "Jesus the Nazarene, a man" - incarnation in space and time. A real person.
  - "Accredited by God" - God himself attested to his identity
  - "Works of power and wonders and signs" - things God did through Him publicly to validate his identity and message.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)
  - Attributed simultaneously to both the purposes of God and the wickedness of man
  - The second Joseph? (Gen 50:20)

- His \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 24-32)
  - V. 24 - "Agony" = birth pains. Resurrection as \_\_\_\_\_
  - Vv. 25-28 - quoting Psalm 16:8-11 about the Messiah's resurrection
    - David, by the Spirit, was writing about Jesus
  - V. 32 - "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses"
    - David spoke of it before. The apostles speak of it after.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 33-36)
  - Vv. 34-35 - quoting Psalm 110 about the Messiah's ascension
    - "The Lord said to my Lord" - 2 persons within the Godhead...in the OT!
- His \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 37-39)
  - V. 37 - \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and \_\_\_\_\_ of the need to respond
  - V. 38
    - "Repent" - a change of mind concerning both Christ AND oneself
      - From the one "whom you crucified" to your exalted Lord and Christ
    - Belief (called "believers" in v. 44) - repentance and belief always go together
    - "Be baptised"
    - "In the name of Jesus Christ" - By his authority, acknowledging his claims, subscribing to his doctrines, engaging in his service, and relying on his merits.
    - They will then receive: "Forgiveness of sins" + "The gift of the Holy Spirit"
  - V. 39 - this is for \_\_\_\_\_
- His new \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 40-41)
  - Not private, but public conversion

### This Gospel for Today

Always begin with \_\_\_\_\_

4-part framework:

- The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ - namely his:
  - Death - paid the penalty, in our place, on our behalf, aligns us properly in relation to God
  - Resurrection - forms the basis of new, regenerated, eternal life (cf. John 20:20, 22)
- The gospel \_\_\_\_\_
  - OT Scriptures (Joel, Psalms 16 & 110) - V. 31 - "David looked ahead"
  - NT apostolic eyewitness - V. 32 - "we are all witnesses"
    - In the mouth of two witnesses the truth might be established (Deuteronomy 19:15; 2 Corinthians 13:1)
- The gospel \_\_\_\_\_
  - Forgiveness of sins - to wipe the slate clean - past
  - The gift of the Spirit - newness of life, radical transformation of the heart - present (and future - foretaste, pledge, etc.)
- The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ - requires a radical response:
  - Repentance and faith (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - In baptism (\_\_\_\_\_)

The gospel in sum: **2 events** (death & resurrection), attested by **2 witnesses** (OT and NT), resulting in **2 gifts** (forgiveness and the Holy Spirit), on **2 conditions** (repentance and faith, in baptism)