

Acts 2:14-41

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *2:14* This Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, was very different from the Peter who denied Jesus three times.
- 2) *2:17* We live between the beginning of the end and the end of the age, known as the Age of Grace.
- 3) *2:17* The book of Joel speaks of the “day of the Lord,” calling Jews to repentance with the hope that God will be merciful.
- 4) *2:19-20* The signs in the earth and heavens that Joel mentions are connected with events surrounding Christ’s Second Coming (Matthew 24:29–30).
- 5) *2:22* It was not in the power of any normal human to do those miracles, nor would God have done them to confirm the claims of an impostor.
- 6) *2:22* Miracles, wonders, and signs all describe God’s miraculous works:
  - Miracles (dunamis)—a term that describes the powerful, supernatural character of the works
  - Wonders (teras)—plural, describes the marveling that takes place in the mind of the one who witnesses a miracle
  - Signs (sēmeion)—gives the intent of God’s miraculous works: to point to spiritual truth
- 7) *2:23* That Jesus was delivered to death by God’s predetermined plan does not absolve those who put Him to death.
- 8) *2:24* The greatest proof that Jesus is the Messiah is not His miracles....It’s His resurrection!
- 9) *2:25-31* David’s tomb is visible evidence that Psalm 16 was not about him personally.
- 10) *2:33* What the people saw at Pentecost was the result of God’s promise to send the Holy Spirit to begin the end of the ages.
- 11) *2:36* God always tells us the truth about ourselves...we are sinners in need of a Savior!

- 12) Follow the trail of logic...
  - If the Holy Spirit is in the world, then God must have sent Him.
  - Joel promised the Spirit would come.
  - Jesus Himself promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit.
  - But if Jesus is dead, He cannot send the Spirit; therefore, He must be alive.
  - Furthermore, He cannot send the Spirit unless He returned to Heaven to the Father.
  - So, Jesus has ascended to Heaven.
  - Conclusion—both a declaration and an accusation—Jesus is your Messiah, but you crucified Him!
- 13) *2:38* True repentance is far more than fear of consequences or regret. True repentance hates sin for what it is—an offense to God.
- 14) *2:38* Peter attached no condition to receiving the Spirit except repentance. The proof of the sincerity of their repentance and faith was to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

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