

Peter Explains Pentecost **Acts 2:14-36**

Joel predicted this outpouring of the Spirit. 14-21

- ◆ Joel 2:28-32 predicted a future outpouring of God's Spirit in the last days. Peter says this is it (tongues interpreted are equivalent to prophecy, I Cor. 14:3-6).
- ◆ Note the other phenomena listed are rampant throughout Acts but for cosmic effects in 19b-21. The last days have just begun, Heb. 1:1,2, I Jn. 2:18.

God planned Jesus' death and resurrection. 22-23

- ◆ Jesus' miracles, wonders, and signs prove God was the power behind Him.
- ◆ Peter blames the Jews for helping godless Romans kill miracle-working Jesus but at the same time points out it was God's plan, 3:18, 4:27,28, cf. Lk. 22:22.

David predicted Jesus' resurrection. 24-32

- ◆ Ps. 16:9,10 (cf. 13:34ff.) is quoted as evidence David's reference to a *Holy One* must not refer to himself but instead to a future Davidic king (the Messiah) who escapes death/decay as Jesus in fact did. This is a typological prophecy.
- ◆ Ps. 132:11 recalls God's promise to David of a descendant (Messiah) sitting one day on His throne, which fits perfectly with Jesus, who just resurrected.

David predicted Jesus sitting at God's right hand. 33-36

- ◆ Ps. 110 (most quoted OT passage in NT) is a "divine dialogue," which is used to point out Jesus' exalted position (Lk. 22:69, Rom. 8:34, Eph. 1:20).
- ◆ If Jesus is Lord in v. 36, then what about v. 21? 4:12, 10:36, Rom. 10:9,13.



Since Peter's message leans so heavily on messianic predictions, and historical events (especially the resurrection), what might that suggest to us about how we should motivate people to consider the gospel?

Since Peter's message does not pull any punches, what might that suggest to us about preaching today?

