

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: The Acts of the Apostles

Key from *How to Study the Bible*:

There is **no** understanding of the Bible without a proper understanding of **context**. Never, never, never take a verse out of its setting and give it a foreign meaning!

Scriptures for Today: Acts 2:1-47 – The promised Holy Ghost arrives – *beware of these Jewish tongues!***PRINCIPLES****1. The Holy Ghost arrived as PROMISED on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost. 2:1-4**

- ✓ The **Jewish** apostles were gathered together waiting to **receive** the **Holy Ghost**...
Acts 1:4-5; John 7:39; 14:16, 26; Exodus 23:16; 34:22; Numbers 28:16-31; 1Corinthians 16:8

NOTE The context of this passage is **Jewish**. It is the solemn **Jewish** feast day of Pentecost. This feast was kept in remembrance of the giving of the law upon Mount Sinai. The **Jewish** apostles (Acts 1:15-26) are gathered together to receive the Holy Ghost, which their **Jewish** Messiah had promised them would come. They are in **Jerusalem**. There are **no Gentiles present**. Any Gentiles that may be there have **become Jews** (called "proselytes" in Acts 2:10). Peter, the apostle to the **Jews** (Galatians 2:7-8), stands up and preaches a message that is derived from the **Jewish** OT (which was not the OT at that time in history, but rather the whole Bible.)

2. The Jewish disciples began to preach God's truth with other TONGUES. 2:5-13

- ✓ **Jews** had come to **Jerusalem** for **Pentecost** from **every nation** under heaven...
Acts 2:5
- ✓ The **Jewish** disciples were speaking **known, spoken, understandable languages** which were **foreign to the speaker, but understood** by others that were present...
Acts 2:6-13

NOTE "Tongues" are **not** an unintelligible language. No one in the entire Bible spoke in an unknown, unspoken, unintelligible language (except for possibly the troubled church in Corinth – see 1 Cor 14). The Bible says that "tongues" are for a sign (1 Cor 14:22) ... and that **Jews** require a sign (1 Cor 1:22)!!

3. Peter *stood up (with the eleven)* and preached Christ CRUCIFIED to the Jews. 2:14-36

- ✓ Peter, **expecting Christ to return any moment**, preached **the day of the Lord**...
"Ye men of Judaea" Acts 2:14-21; Joel 2; Revelation 6:12; 8:5, 7-12

NOTE Peter does not say that this is an absolute fulfillment of Joel's prophesy, but rather what they see (and have seen in the life of Christ) is **the NT unfolding and the beginning of OT prophesy taking place**. Remember, Peter's message does not end until verse 36 – he **keeps preaching** after telling them that what they see is the same stuff Joel wrote about! It is important to put Joel's quote in the context of Peter's message. Peter has been talking about what is taking place between the Resurrection and the Second Coming. Joel was quoted to show the **Jews** what would take place before the **Jewish** Messiah came back to reign on David's throne...and **that throne was connected to that man the Jews had crucified** ...and Peter is expecting all this to happen **at any time**, maybe any moment...see Matthew 24:29 and Acts 1:11. He has **no idea** about the "body of Christ" or anything "Christian"...This is all **Jewish** stuff, but now in the NT not in the OT!!

- ✓ Peter said that Jesus **confirmed His identity** with **signs** which **Jews require to believe...**
"Ye men of Israel" Acts 2:22; 1 Corinthians 1:22

KEY The Bible clearly teaches that "tongues" are for a **sign** to **unbelieving Jews!**

- ✓ Peter preached **Christ crucified as fact** and said that the **Jews knew it to be true...**
"Ye men of Israel" Acts 2:22; 10:37; 26:26; Matthew 11:2-6; Luke 24:18; John 3:2; 7:31; 10:37; 11:47; 12:17; 14:10,11; 15:24; Hebrews 2:4
- ✓ Peter preached that the **Jews were guilty of the murder and treason** of Almighty God...
Acts 2:23; Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22; 1 John 3:4, 15
- ✓ Peter preached Christ's **death** and **resurrection** as **fulfillment** of the **Jewish Scriptures...**
Acts 2:24-36; "the (Jewish) patriarch David"; Matthew 26:56

NOTE Peter dropped the hammer on them – **they had just crucified their Lord and their Messiah!** Acts 2:36

4. The guilty **Jews**, realizing their **CRIMES** before a holy God, asked for the remedy. 2:37-47

- ✓ The **Jews** asked, "**What shall we do?**"

NOTE They were **not Gentiles** after Acts 10, and they did **not** say, "What must I do to be **saved**?" They asked what they had to **do** as **Jews that had just murdered their Messiah** to be made right with their God. The primarily Gentile church should be going to the Church and Pastoral Epistles (Romans through Titus...written by Paul who was the **Apostle to the Gentiles**, Gal 2:7-8) for clear directions on **how we Gentiles at this time in history** are to be **saved from the wrath to come**. **The primarily Gentile church at this time in history should not be getting doctrine for salvation from this Jewish portion of Acts!!**

- ✓ Peter told the **Jews** to **repent**, and be **baptized** in the name of Christ **for the remission of sins...**
- ✓ Peter also said the **Jews** would **then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit** as **Jews in transition...**
- ✓ The **Jews** that **gladly received Peter's word** were baptized, and thousands were added to them...

PRACTICES

1. What **truth from the Bible** has God made clear to you today that you must **believe**?

- ✓ Have you **been taught** something that goes contrary to what the **Bible clearly says**?
- ✓ Did God reveal a need for you to **speak today's truth** to someone in your life this week?

2. What has God revealed to you today related to your **crimes against Him**?

- ✓ Have you **not repented** of your sins and **put your faith** in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- ✓ Have you been **humble** and **repentant** towards God on a daily basis being **thankful**?

** **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Upcoming Events** **

- New Members Class** There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for our first new Members class starting on **Sunday, 10/6 from 9-10am** (6 weeks)
- How to Study the Bible** There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for our first Wednesday night Bible study starting on **Wednesday, 10/2 from 7-8pm** (12 weeks)
- Prayer Meeting** We must be a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13) – we will begin having a corporate time of prayer each week beginning on **Wednesday, 10/2 at 6:30pm**