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Divine Interaction

From the Series,
"What Is God Like?"

Acts 2:14-24

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Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Sensory Invasion Of God's Presence (1-3)

- a. It impacted their ears (1-2) - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."
- b. It impacted their eyes (3) - "And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them."
- c. It impacted their mouths (4) - "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

2. The Initial Confusion Of The People (5-13)

- a. These people were sincere toward God (5) - "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven."
- b. These people were diverse in their background (6-11a) - "And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians..." (16 distinct people groups named)
- c. These people were personally impacted (11b) - "...we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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- d. These people were skeptical of the supernatural (12-13) - "And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

3. The Scriptural Interpretation Of The Preacher (14-24)

- a. Divine interaction resulted in anointing (14-15) - "But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day."
- b. Divine interaction resulted in understanding (16-21) - "But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel. And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
- c. Divine interaction resulted in confrontation (22-23) - "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know - 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."
- d. Divine interaction resulted in conviction (24) - "God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it".