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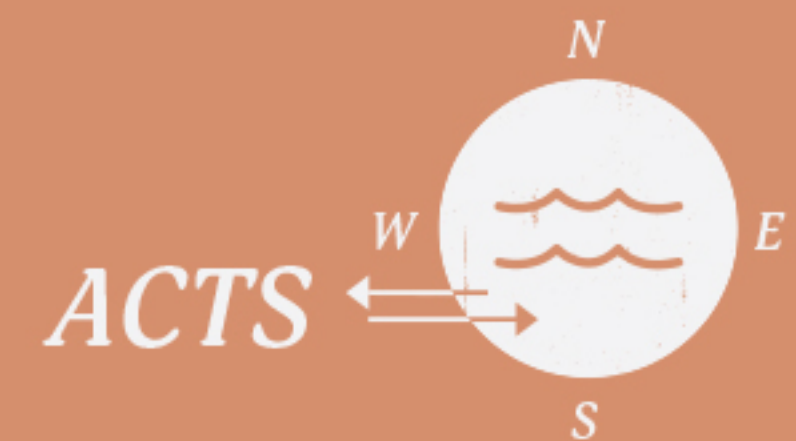


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We must seek the Spirit's power for bringing
people to life in Jesus!

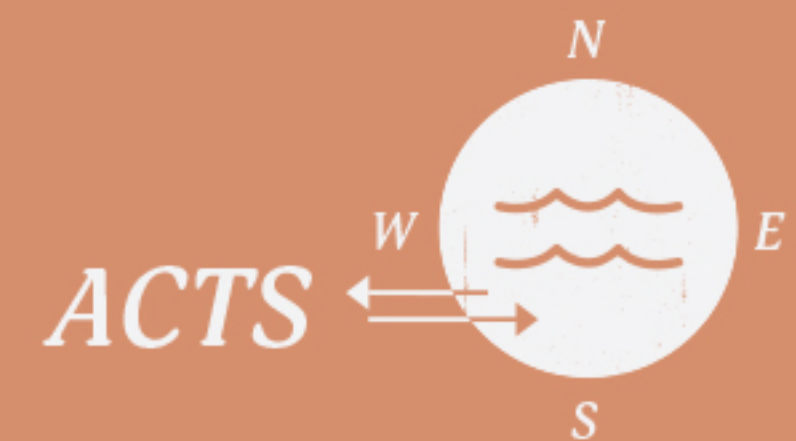


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Peter Preaches to the Crowd

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.

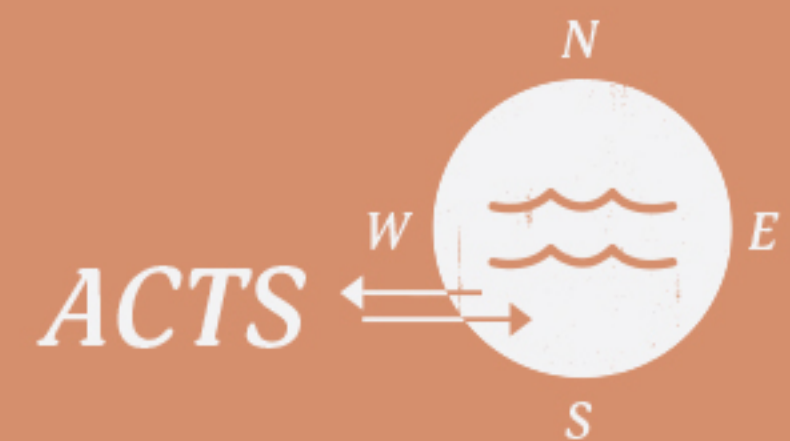
15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:



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“This sermon is not a piece of arid theology, of interest merely to ivory-tower theologians. On the contrary, this is news driven home to the hearts of men and women insisting that what is at stake is a matter of life and death. There is a sense of urgency. Something needs to be done and done right away! And it has everything to do with the identity and mission of Jesus Christ who, only six weeks ago, was crucified and buried in this city. It had something to do with salvation”.

Derek Thomas



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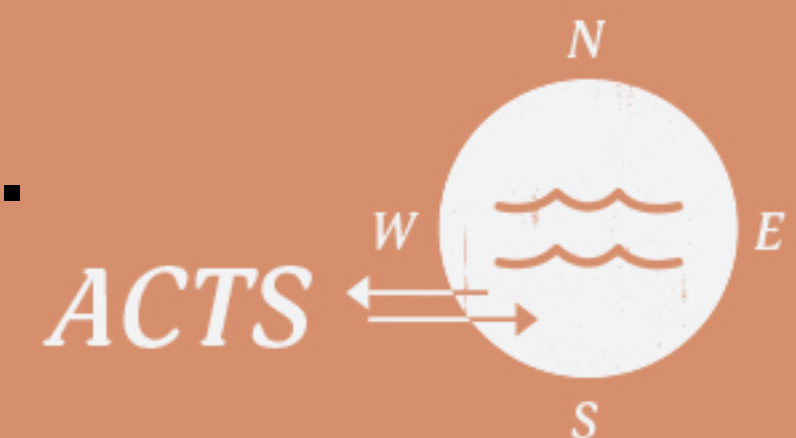
17 'In the last days,' God says,
'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.

19 And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

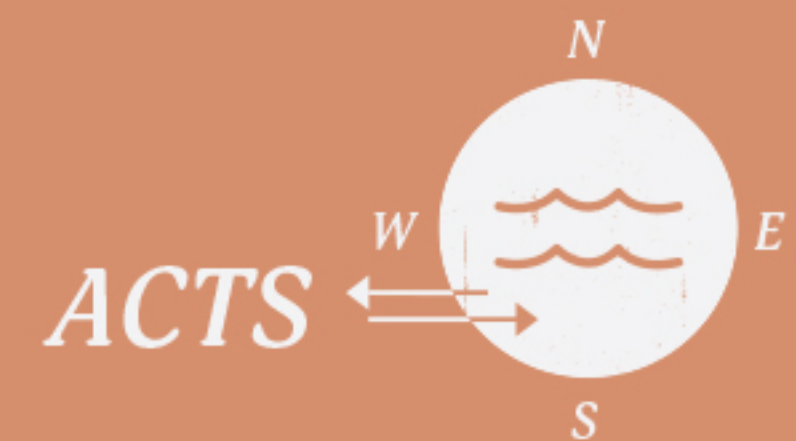
20 The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.



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21 But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.'

22 "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by
doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.
23 But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried
out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed
him to a cross and killed him. 24 But God released him from the horrors of
death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.



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25 King David said this about him:

‘I see that the Lord is always with me.

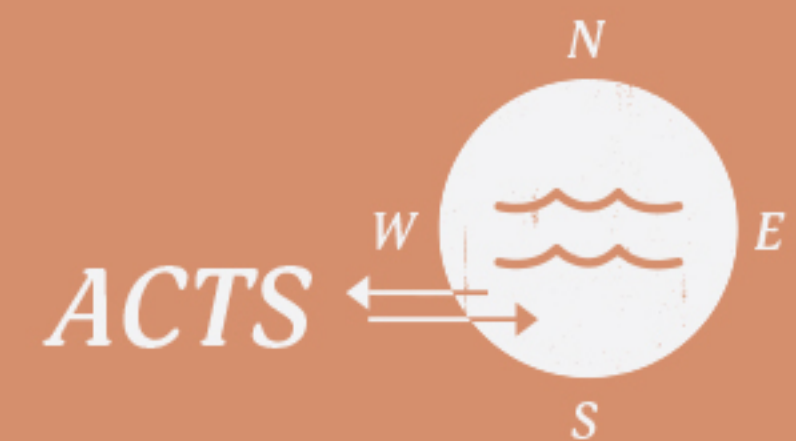
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

26 No wonder my heart is glad,
and my tongue shouts his praises!

My body rests in hope.

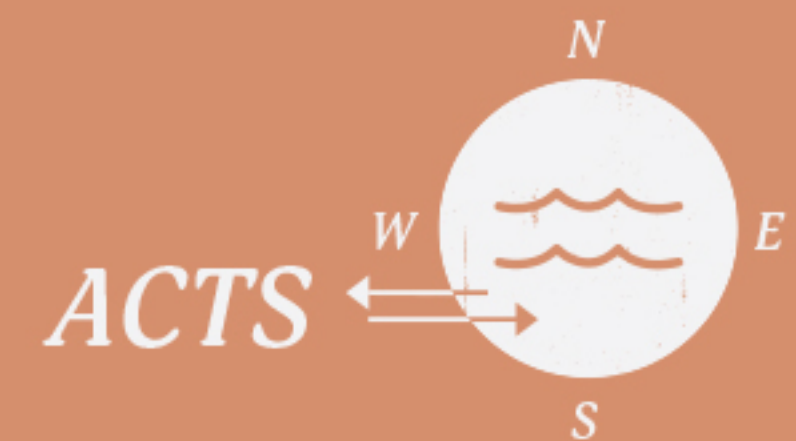
27 For you will not leave my soul among the dead[e]
or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.

28 You have shown me the way of life,
and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’



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29 “Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn’t referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. 30 But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David’s own descendants would sit on his throne. 31 David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah’s resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.



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32 “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.

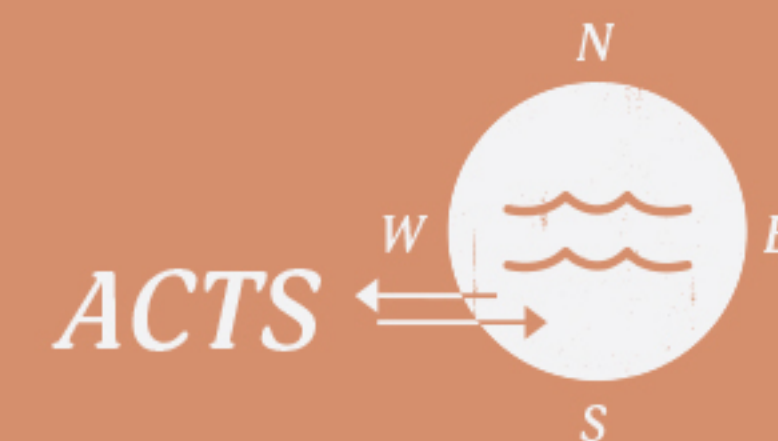
33 Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. 34 For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit in the place of honor at my right hand

35 until I humble your enemies,

making them a footstool under your feet.”’



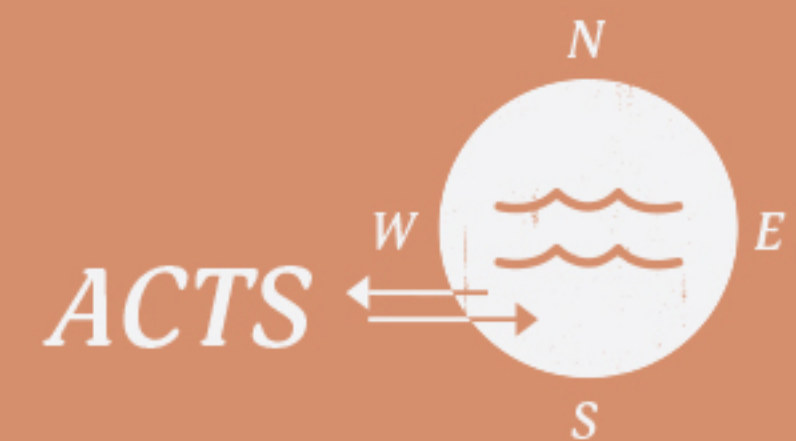
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36 “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.



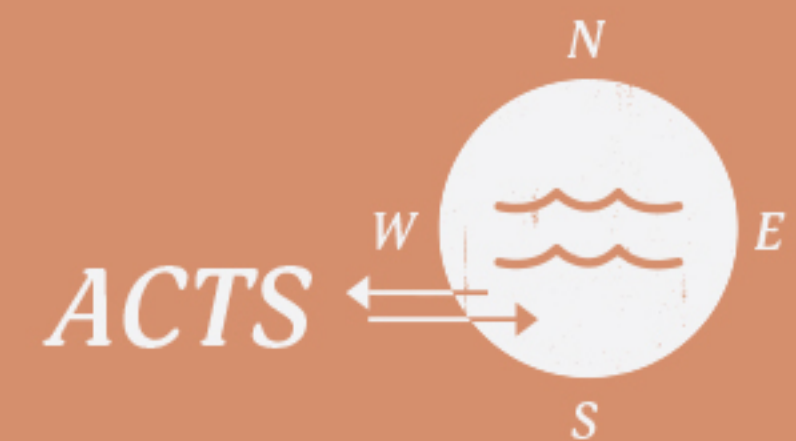
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SPIRIT-EMPOWERED PREACHING ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS

Peter stood with the eleven others... V14

They were witnesses to the plan of God, Vv 16, 23, 31, 32-33, 36

They were all filled with the Spirit for this day, V33

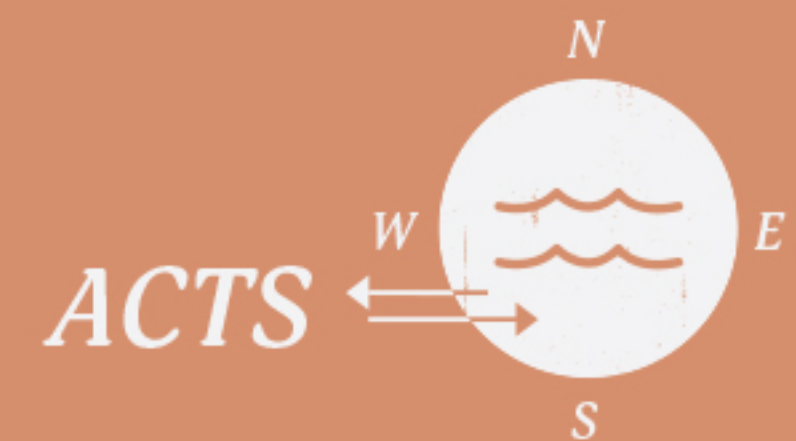


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SPIRIT-EMPOWERED PREACHING CUTS TO THE HEART OF NON-BELIEVERS

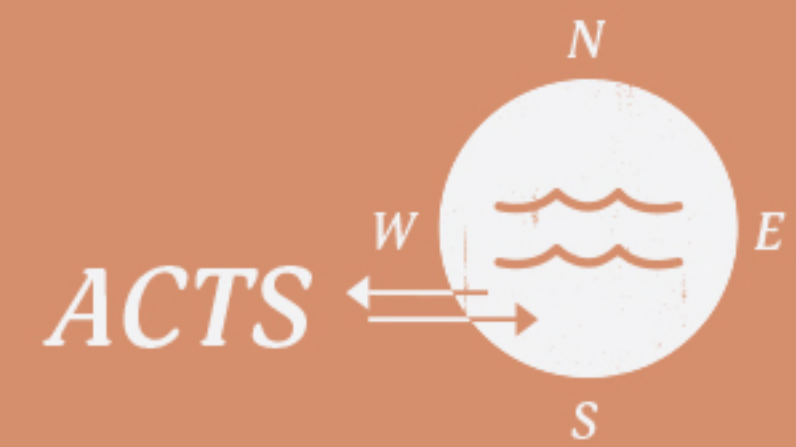
The Good News pierced their hearts and moved them to act, V37

“What pierces your heart today?”



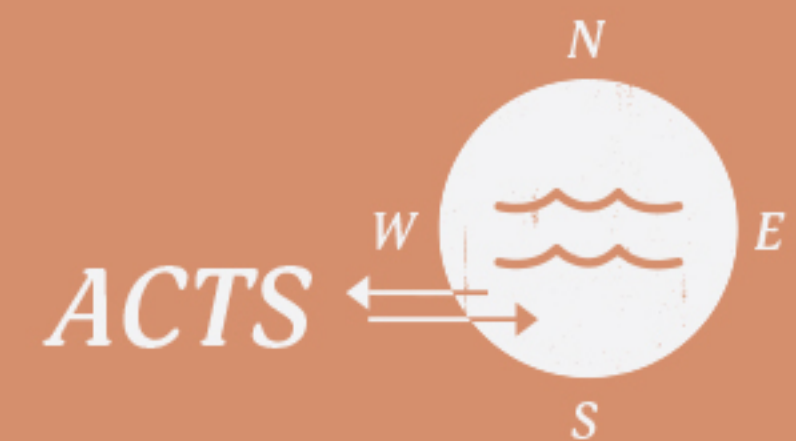
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SPIRIT-EMPOWERED PREACHING BRINGS IN NEW FOLLOWERS
OF THE LORD JESUS



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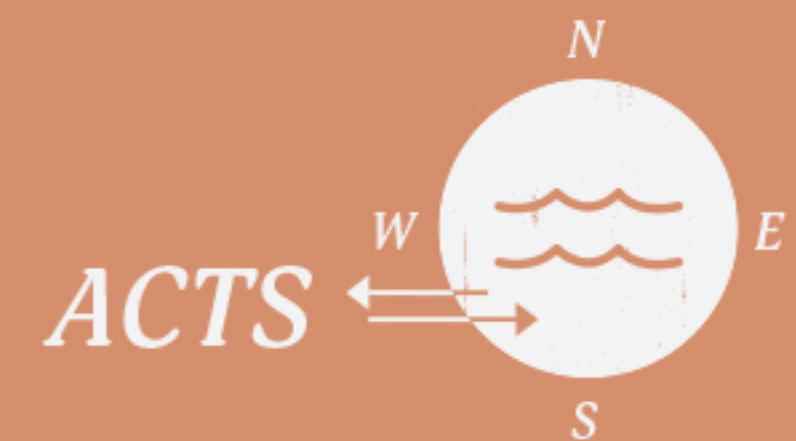
RECOGNIZE that you are a sinner.
Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God”



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REALIZE that JESUS died for your sins.

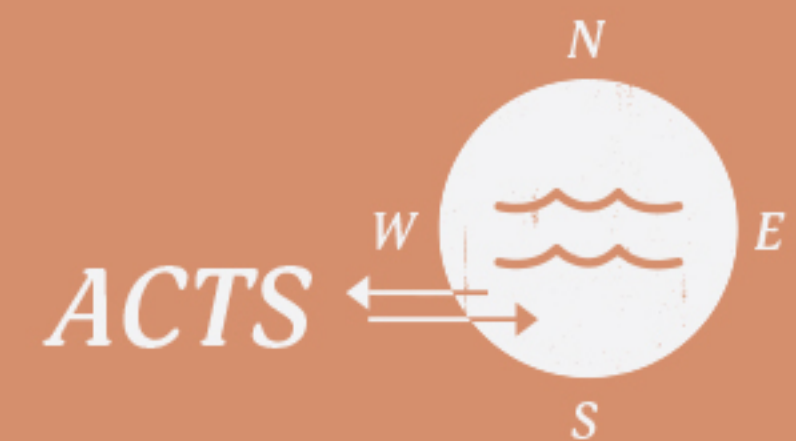
Romans 5:8, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”



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REPENT for your sins.

Acts 3:19, “Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord...”



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RECEIVE JESUS as your Lord and Savior

John 1:12, “But to all who believed him and accepted him,
he gave the right to become children of God.”

