

Verse 37:

The beginning of Jesus' ministry started with His Baptism. John – **prophetically** came on the scene as well.

Have you ever thought of John's Baptism and Jesus' Baptism as a divine prophetic statement about what would happen?

Jesus was baptized to say, "I am here to give my life to you."

A **prophetic symbol** of His death, Burial and Resurrection.

The beginning of Jesus' ministry was his Baptism. His ministry started with the proclamation of his death, burial, and resurrection. Even John did not understand why he was supposed to Baptize Jesus. Jesus' Baptism was a statement of prophetic reality that Jesus Christ would die for the sin of the world and be raised from the dead. Jesus had Messianic consciousness and claimed to be Messiah.

Matthew 3:14

¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "***I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?***"

Notice Peter includes all the things that happened from the time of John's Baptism, the start of Jesus' ministry, the Galilean ministry and Judea. Peter will take us right to the cross, resurrection and ascension. This is the Kerygma. This is the message. This is the Word. This is the life's blood of the Gospel. This is what saves people. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God.

Greek: ρημα, rhema: events, the things that happened, an utterance, a matter or topic, a command, a dispute, the thing, stuff. ***"You Know the events" What events?*** The life, the ministry, death, burial, resurrection, ascension of Jesus. If you are not preaching the events, you are not preaching the message.

By the way... what we are doing right here is systematic theology. Even our students know when a preacher is not preaching the stuff, the message. If they hear a preacher soft serving the message or ignoring it, they will tell you so.

Verse 38: His ministry was doing good, miracles, and freeing people from the devil. **Luke 4:18** is point 1 of the Kerygma.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
(Was Jesus Baptized by the Spirit at His Baptism?)
 because he has anointed me
 to proclaim good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
 and recovery of sight for the blind,
 to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus was anointed with power (**δυναμις**) and went around doing good and healing all who were under the **tyranny** (**Καταδυναστευω**) of the Devil (**διαβολος, false accuser, slanderer, traducer**). The word for tyranny means to exercise dominion and oppression over.

Accuser- He is the **antidikios**- the anti-truth... the accuser. dia- through and bolo- to cast. To cast down or cast through.

Tyranny, oppression, katadynasteúō (from **2596** /kata, "down, according to," intensifying **1413** /dynástēs, "exercise rulership") – properly, powerfully bringing someone *down* (denying them the higher position or blessing they should enjoy), i.e. *tyrannize*; to dominate (treat harshly), overpowering someone (Souter). **to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one:** Bible Hub.

A person is under the power and control of Jesus Christ, or they are under the control of the Devil. Jesus has dominion over you or the Devil does. ***Being saved means you gave Jesus the right to have dominion over your life.*** That's the simplest explanation ever. John 10:10

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case, the god of this age has **blinded** the minds of the unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Tim 2:24-26

²⁴ The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵ instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶ Then they may come to their senses and escape the **Devil's trap**, having been captured by him **to do his will**.

Matthew 12:30

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth **abroad**.

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the **devil**; for the **devil** sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the **devil**.

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Put on the full armour of God so you can stand against the Devil.

Rev 12:11 The Martyrs.

They conquered him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not love their lives
in the face of death.

The Devil's Doom

1. Revelation 20:2

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the **Devil** and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years.

2. Revelation 20:10

The **Devil** who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

You still want to follow the Evil one?
Jesus can free you.

Verse 39: The Crucifixion – Eyewitnesses. The crucifixion was a documented historical fact. Jesus had to die as a perfect man and pay for our sins with punishment for us to be forgiven.

Again **2 Corinthians 5:21**. The greatest statement in the NT. He took our sin; we were given righteousness.

- **Expiation and Propitiation.**

They killed Him. Death had to be a part of the process for us to be free and clear. Somehow in the wisdom and chosen fashion, framework, process, and plan of God, Jesus was separated from God so that we would not have to be separated for eternity. Jesus had to die. Jesus had to be punished to appease the wrath of God... Expiation.

Peter says they were witnesses. They actually saw the Messiah and didn't believe it. Peter says they all saw the truth. Man is a witness

to the glory of God. You can deny it, but you know it's true. The reason for the God haters is that they know it true. The question is not why people don't know the truth. The question is why do they not respond to the truth? Bro. Jerry... do you have proof of this?

Romans 1:18ff

¹⁸ For God's wrath is **revealed** from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness **suppress** the truth, ¹⁹ since what can be known^[a] about God **is evident** among them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly seen** since the creation of the world, being **understood** through **what He has made**. **As a result, people are without excuse.** ²¹ For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.

Man's response was to kill the Messiah by crucifixion. If a person rejects Jesus Christ as Lord and refuses to worship Christ. Does he stop worshiping altogether? No, he ends up worshiping himself, sticks, trees, and the moon. Take your pick.

Verse 40:

The Resurrection. The Father defeated our greatest enemy when he raised Jesus from the dead. There were again eyewitnesses. He was seen alive. Over 500 hundred people saw Jesus resurrected over a period of 40 days.

1 Cor 15:1ff

15 Now brothers, I want to clarify^[a] for you the gospel I proclaimed to you; you received it and have taken your stand on it. **2** You are

also saved by it, if you hold to the message I proclaimed to you—
unless you believed for no purpose.^[b] ³ For I passed on to you as

most important what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins

according to the Scriptures,

⁴ that He was buried,

that He was raised on the third day

according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas,

then to the Twelve.

⁶ Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time;

most of them are still alive,

but some have fallen asleep.

This is the gospel. This is the teachings of the Apostles. This is
the proclamation. This is the Kerygma.

Verse 41: Physical Resurrection and Body – Eternal Life. Great
verse! He ate and drank.

Colossians 1:22

²² But now He has reconciled you by His physical body^[a] through
His death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before
Him—

Is there anybody here that is glad we are free from death, holy,
faultless, and blameless before God?

Notice Jesus ate and drank. There's hope for the fried chicken
eaters and Krispy Kream lovers. Jesus ate in His resurrected body.

Hebrews 10:19-20

Holman Christian Standard Bible

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way He has opened for us through the curtain **(that is, His flesh)** ...

Hebrews 10:5

Therefore, **as** He was coming into the world, He said: **You** did not want sacrifice **and** offering, but **You** prepared **a body** for Me.

Theologically speaking, Jesus had to be in a human body for the redemption and atonement to be legal. Remember that a human lost our dominion and a human had to get it back.

This is systematic theology at its finest. Peter is teaching the entire counsel of God from all the scriptures. In Psalm 22, which is a Messianic Psalm, David speaks of the Messiah's physical pain and suffering at the crucifixion.

Liberals are always attacking the physical corporeal crucifixion and Resurrection because they know this is essential to our atonement and salvation.

One of these theories is called Docetism. This comes from the Greek word. **Dokine**, which means "to seem." This is a Christological heresy of Gnosticism. Which asserts that Christ only "seemed" to suffer. Because his humanity was not real. The death of the divine Christ was only apparent, not real. John took target at it in first John 5:6.

1 Jn 5:6

⁶ Jesus Christ—He is the One who came by **water and blood**, not by water only, but by water and by blood. And the Spirit is the One who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement.

The swoon theory: The **Swoon Theory**, also called the “apparent death theory” or “Swoon Hypothesis,” suggests that Jesus survived the crucifixion. According to this view, Jesus fell into a deep comatose state on the cross, was taken down while still alive, and later revived in the cool, dark tomb. Proponents claim that he then left the tomb and appeared to his disciples, which they interpreted as resurrection appearances.

Verse 42: The Great Commission restated. Look at this awesome verse.

- **Commanded- parangelo.** To instruct or command. To declare or give charge. If we skip the message, we have broken the first command.
- **Preach- kerusso.** To peach, herald, publish. I am going to preach. To preach means to herald. Preaching carries with it passion, excitement and truth.
- Some people don't like it when I preach hard. But I want you to know that God has called me to passionately preach the gospel because people are going to an eternal Hellfire without Christ every day. That's worth we're getting passionate about, and, if you can't be passionate about trying to reach people going to hell, I'm not sure Im the one with a problem.
- And to **solemnly testify, diamarturomai.** To witness hortatively. Encouragingly. With passion. Some of us don't have passion for the lost. You say you do; but you don't.

Hortative- modalities signal the speaker's encouragement or discouragement toward the addressee's bringing about the action of an utterance. It takes passion to motivate people. **The root word here is the English word for martyr. Diamarturomai** means to fully, solemnly, earnestly, warn and encourage through preaching. A Command to passionately tell people that they will be judged by the appointed Christ. I hope that you understand that this is serious business.

That Jesus is the **appointed One** by God to **Judge** the living and the dead. That's very important information. **Zao (life)** and **nekros (death)**. If he is appointed to judge, then He must be the One that's in control of heaven and hell, life and death.

- **Appointed- horizo.** Determined, appointed, declared, fixed, predetermined. To mark out or bound. To decree. Our English word is **horizon**. We know that the horizon is fixed. Job asked who tells the oceans where to stop. Note **Job 38** and following.

3724 /horízō ("designate limits, boundaries") refers to the Lord (literally) "horizoning" *all the physical scenes of life before creation*. This guarantees God works each in conjunction with His eternal *purpose* (providence, see **4286** /próthesis).

[The English term "horizon" ("horizoning") comes from **3724** (horízō), "**to set limits.**" **4309** /proorízō ("pre-horizon, pre-determine") **emphasizes God's eternity with its correlations, as operating in His perfect wisdom, absolute foreknowledge.**

*In other words... Jesus Christ is the only one that is predetermined to judge, and the boundaries are set like the boundaries of in creation, heaven, hell and eternity. No one else can change the set boundaries. **No more can you change who will judge the living and the dead than you can change the boundaries of the universe.***

- One day you will be **judged. Krites-** from krino.

It appears **nineteen times**, scattered across the Synoptic Gospels, Acts, the Pauline corpus, Hebrews, and James. The contexts fall into **three broad spheres: civil courts and human arbitration, Israel's historical judges, and the ultimate judgment of God through Christ. Together these uses form a progressive**

revelation: earthly justice points beyond itself to the righteous Judge who will settle every account.

Verse 43:

The message of hope to all mankind in verse 43. If I read this verse to a Jew, he would say the verse came from the book of Isaiah. Well this is NT and says that all the Old Testament prophets spoke about and knew who Jesus was. They only follow the **Tanak**. **They reject the NT even though Jesus and all the Apostles quote the tanak.**

Tanakh (also spelled **Tanak** or **Tanach**) is the Jewish name for the collection of books that Christians generally call the **Old Testament**.

The word **Tanakh** is an acronym from the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible:

- **T — Torah (תורה):** “Teaching” or “Law” — the first five books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
- **N — Nevi'im (נביאים):** “Prophets” — Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve Minor Prophets.
- **K — Ketuvim (כתובים):** “Writings” — Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra–Nehemiah, and Chronicles.

I tell you who is believing? Cornelius and his relatives. His family is eating it up. The Gentiles are receiving the provisional grace of God. Here's the gospel again. “If you believe in Him, you may have forgiveness of sin.”

The testimony of the gospel goes back to the beginning of the beginning. Any person through history that believes in his name can be saved. Forgiveness is eternal, and accessible to all.

Pisteuo- to entrust, in or upon. Only the context indicates whether 4100 /*pisteúō* (“believe”) is self-serving (without sacred

meaning), or the believing that leads to/proceeds from God's inbirthing of faith.

Panta- pas, everyone, all, any, every, the whole, As many as, thoroughly, whosoever. I don't know how that lines up with your theology, but I think it's pretty simply.

Verse 44: The third Key to the kingdom fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit interrupts at this point and gives an invitation. I love this. Peter is still explaining and the HS knows all the people's hearts. They were ready. The words of Christ are always fulfilled.

Illustration: At Bellevue, a woman came to the altar before Dr. Rogers was finished preaching. The evidence of God in you is the Holy Spirit.

Jena Austin. What else have I got to do Bro Jerry? Most of you were probably saved before you ever got to the preacher. God knows your heart. **Mike Fitzgerald.**

Verse 45: The whole company was astonished at this experience. The Jews are amazed and saw the Gentiles saved. God is in charge of the HS. Don't ever forget that. No preacher or teacher or prophet or "apostle" is in charge of the HS.

Verse 46-48: glossa, languages. Acts 2 dialektos.

The same happened in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. Now the Gentiles and to the rest of the world. **Why would God go through all these keys to the kingdom and make this statement about the gospel, if salvation were limited?**

v. 47- Baptism identifies us with Christ. Who are you, O man, to withhold the water from one who has been baptized in the Spirit?

Closing:

Go back to God “Preparing the Heart.” I go back to the start of these messages on grace. What’s going on in your heart right now? I mentioned this last week and the week before and Brian Parker went to the text and shared the parable of the soils even Revival Friday night. God’s always working. He is preparing hearts for salvation. Is it you? Is the soil of your heart ready for the seed of the gospel?

Peter’s message was a **culmination** – A **consummation** – a **conversion** that was a result of God preparing hearts for eternity! This is where faith is placed upon Jesus for help.

What is God doing in your heart?