

## Easter – Resurrection People

### Acts 2:

- One of the most profound chapters in the Bible. A sermon that changed the world.
- Before I preach this, I have a question: **Are you here to celebrate a resurrection story, or do you have a resurrection life?**
- **Why is Acts 2 so powerful?** This day changed history.

#### 1. Because of who preached it, Peter.

- 50 days before, Peter had rejected that he had known Jesus just to save his life.
- He was weeping. He had rejected his friend.
- He and the rest of the disciples were hiding in an upper room.
- He was preaching what Jesus had been killed for saying.

#### 2. Because of where the sermon is preached.

- Jerusalem was a very dangerous place at that time for the disciples.
- 50 days before, Jesus had been crucified by the Jews and the Romans.

#### 3. Because of the message itself and the evidence. Jesus is the Messiah.

- A. Jesus did miracles and you know it.
- B. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. He was killed (*Isaiah 53:5*).
- C. The tomb is empty. You can go see for yourselves!
- D. You killed Him, I killed Him. We all did because of our sin.
  - They could have said, "*We were not here! or We didn't do it.*" It's true some were not there, but what else could this mean?
  - Jesus died for our sin. *Romans 3:23*—There are none righteous, no not one.
- E. But God will forgive you if.... There is a way to escape the penalty.
  - "*What shall we do?*" they asked. The answer should have been nothing.
  - The answer: Hope and peace can be had.
  - The penalty that brought us peace was laid upon Jesus (*Isaiah 53:5*).

#### 4. Because of the effect of the message, it had an effect on the people of the world.

- It changed the men who preached it, from weak to courageous.
- They were defined by Christ from then on.
- Not by their past, their wealth or job.
- It changed the people who heard the message (*Acts 2:42-47*).
- Some devoted their focus to teaching and giving. They were filled with awe, praise, and excitement. They had what others wanted, love and relationship.
- It changed the whole world. Has it changed you?
- My concern for most Christians in America, is that they are not living a resurrection life.
- In the upcoming weeks, we will talk about what a resurrection life looks like.
- *John 11:26-27*.
- Are you celebrating the resurrection story, or do you have a resurrection/resurrected life?

