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Introduction

Peter Explains the Event (Acts 2:14-21)

1. The Scriptural Basis of the Event (Joel 2:28-32)

2. The Timing of the Event (Last Days)

- ❖ Hebrews 11:1-2—*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*
- ❖ 1 Peter 1:20—*He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.*

3. The Scope of the Event (All Flesh)

- ❖ Jeremiah 31:34—*And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

4. The Immediate Result of the Event (Prophecy, Visions, Dreams)

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 2:14—*The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

5. The End Result of the Event (Judgment)

6. The Gospel Call of the Event (The Name of the Lord)

Peter Exalts Jesus As Lord (Acts 2:22-36)

1. Jesus lived according to God’s plan (Acts 2:22)

- ❖ John 5:19-20—*So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.”*
- ❖ John 3:1-2—*Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”*

2. Jesus died according to God’s plan (Acts 2:23)



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- ❖ 1 Peter 1:20-2—*He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*
- ❖ Acts 13:26-28—*Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed.*

3. Jesus rose from the dead according to God's plan (Acts 2:24-32)

- ❖ Luke 24:44—*Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."*
- ❖ 2 Samuel 7:12-13—*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

4. Jesus is exalted according to God's plan (Acts 2:33-36)

- ❖ Romans 14:9—*For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.*
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 4:5—*For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*
- ❖ Philippians 2:9-11—*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Peter Encourages Repentance (Acts 2:37-41)

1. Repentance and Baptism yields two things

- ❖ Forgiveness of sins
- ❖ The gift of the Spirit

2. Repentance and Baptism are vitally linked but Baptism follows and confirms Repentance

- ❖ Acts 5:31—*God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*
- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:24-25—*And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.*



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- ❖ Acts 10:44-48—*While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.*

3. The gift of the Spirit is for everyone the Lord calls

- ❖ Romans 8:30—*And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*
- ❖ Hebrews 9:15—*Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.*

4. The blessing of Abraham is now for all people

- ❖ Galatians 3:13-14—*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*
- ❖ Ephesians 2:13-17—*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

5. Peter continued to call for repentance

6. God effectually called his people through Peter’s call to repent

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 1:21-25—*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*