

¹⁴ 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 people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ '"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.'

²² "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. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

²⁶ '"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

Sermon Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What was most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon?

Digging Deeper:

1. See Matt 9:27, 20:30; Mk 10:47; Matt 22:47; 1 Chro 17:11-14; 2 Chron 6:16. "I thought David's son was Solomon. Why is Jesus taking on this title?"
2. Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 what does the range of types of people tell you about one's candidacy to proclaim God's truth?
 - a. What thoughts come to mind as scripture describes YOU a prophet-one who is called to declare God's truth rooted in your intimate relationship with Him?
 - b. In what ways does your heart find rationales in disqualifying yourself from teaching/sharing the gospel?
3. How do you reconcile Acts 2:23? Who put Jesus to death?
 - a. "If God foreordained everything, then my sins is not my fault. Why do I need to repent?" How would you respond? See 2 Cor 7:10 for help.
 - b. "I didn't crucify Jesus...explain to me how Peter's sermon applies to me." How would you respond?
4. Reflect: "[sermons] motivating principally by exhorting the listener to be a better person or gain a better life- or by guilt and fear of consequences- turns the listener from centering his life on Christ to centering it on himself and his own effort." What concept of grace or guilt, are you holding on to from this week's sermon?

Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

- a. Pray: Where is obedience to Jesus delayed, partial or denied? Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you in repentance, belief and joy.
- b. How do you need to pray for the Spirit to 'cut' your heart? Read Heb 4:11-13 to guide your prayer.