

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Acts 2:14-36

What is the purpose and message of Acts?

TESTIMONY IN JERUSALEM 2-8:3

Foundation of the Church 2-4:31

Its birth 2:1-47

The day of Pentecost was fulfilled with the coming of the Spirit fifty days after the fulfillment of the Passover.

It resulted in a new beginning—the beginning of the church—a new, “called out” people of God.

The Spirit’s coming 2:1-4

When the Spirit came, He demonstrated His presence

by physical signs which attracted public attention by foreign languages.

The observers’ question 2:5-13

The external evidence of the Spirit's presence was observed by “rightly religious” Jews who had come to Jerusalem for the feast.

They aren’t just curious onlookers.

They are God-fearing saints—like Abraham, Moses, and Simeon.

They have come to Jerusalem in accordance with God’s instructions to His people.

They want to live in a way that pleases God.

They want to DO God’s will.

They want to KNOW the truth.

They were looking for Messiah.

They hear about the “imposter” Jesus that the Jews have killed.

Now something happens that they can't explain.

What is the main question they want to know the answer to?

They want to know what the signs mean.

Peter's explanation 2:14-36

In answer to their question, Peter explains the meaning of the signs.

According to his final summary in 2:36, WHAT WAS PETER'S MESSAGE?

“God has demonstrated that Jesus of Nazareth, the same one you crucified is both Lord and Christ”

What does it mean to call Jesus “Lord?”

“Lord” is used 7 times in Peter's sermon in Acts 2. Of 6 additional uses, 5 refer to the Old Testament name for Yahweh.

4 of 5 are O.T. quotes which refer to Yahweh by name. **2:20, 21, 25, 34**

One is a direct reference to Yahweh **2:39**

=> Greek equivalent in LXX of “Yahweh”

=> “Adonai”

Sixth O.T. use is the long standing mystery Jesus and Peter refer to:

“The LORD said to my Lord” (2:34)

Seventh use is Peter's use in 2:36.

What's the most likely meaning of "God has made this Jesus . . . Lord?"

What does it mean to call Jesus "Christ?"

=> Greek equivalent of "Messiah"

How does Peter answer their question about the meaning of what they're seeing?

Inadequacy of wine 2:14-15

For the benefit of some who were making fun by saying they were drunk, he answered wine could not explain what they are seeing.

Evidence from the coming of the Spirit 2:16-23

What are the two main predictions from Joel 2:28-32 that Peter wants his listeners to hear?

Long theological discussions center on the meaning of Peter's statement "this is that . . . ," or, "this is what was spoken"

In what sense does Acts 2 fulfill Joel's prophecy?

According to Peter's conclusions in 2:33 and 2:36, what does he try to teach them from Joel 2 about the Spirit's coming?

JOEL

The Day of the Lord is coming!

ILLUSTRATION: Plague of Locusts 1:1-20			REVELATION: Day of the Lord 2:1-3:21		
Desolation in the land 1:1-12	Call to Repentance 1:13-14	Announcement of the Day 1:15-20	Invasion of Destruction 2:1-11	Exhortation to Repentance 2:12-17	Restoration in the Future 2:18-3:21
					Blessing for Israel 2:18-32 Judgment of the Nations 3:1-16 Kingdom for Israel 3:17-21

GOD'S PLAN TO BLESS ISRAEL —Joel 2:18-32

1. Mercy for God's people 2:18
2. Restoration of prosperity 2:19
3. Removal of enemies 2:20
4. Peace and prosperity 2:21-26
5. **Presence of the Lord 2:27 ****
6. **Reception of the Holy Spirit 2:28-29 ****
7. Signs of final restoration 2:30-31
8. **Salvation of Remnant 2:32 ****

Based on Joel, Peter argues **Old Testament promised the outpouring of the Holy Spirit following coming of God to dwell among His people. What they're seeing is evidence of the coming of the Spirit. *God must have come to dwell among His people.***

Coming of the Spirit demonstrates that Jesus is Messiah. Messiah came and demonstrated Himself to be Yahweh in the midst of Israel, just as God promised.

As Joel predicted that those who call on the name of Yahweh will be saved, so those who trust in Jesus will be saved.

Evidence from the resurrection 2:24-35

How does Peter use the resurrection in his message? What does it prove?

2nd evidence Jesus was Messiah: the resurrection.

David predicted that Messiah would be raised from the dead.

Jesus fulfilled that prophecy and thereby demonstrated who He is.

Conclusion 2:36

Logical conclusion of the proofs found in the coming of the Spirit and the resurrection is that God is authenticating Jesus.

Jesus is Lord, that is, Yahweh Himself,

Jesus is Christ, that is, the Messiah.

On the basis of Peter's message, make a list of things we ought to believe about Jesus.

What did the devout do as a result of Peter's message?

Response of hearers 2:37

When these who had been watching for the fulfillment of the promises saw the evidence and heard about Jesus, they realized they were in trouble.

If Jesus was Messiah and Israel killed Him, what could they do now?