

EPISODE NO. 295

Acts 2:14-40

Peter Preached to the People in Jerusalem

14 Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles. He spoke loudly: “My Jewish brothers and all of you who are staying in Jerusalem, listen to me. I will tell you something you need to know. Listen carefully. 15 These men are not drunk, as you think; it is only nine o’clock in the morning! 16 This is the same thing which God spoke through the prophet Joel:

17 God says:

‘In the last days, I will pour out My Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will have special dreams.

18 At that time, I will pour out My Spirit upon My servants, both men and women, and they will prophesy.

19 I will show amazing things in the sky above.

I will do miracles on the earth below.

There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke.

20 The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will become red like blood.

Then the great and glorious day of the Lord will come.

21 And every person who trusts in the Name of the Lord
will be saved.’ (*Joel 2:28-32*)

22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you. God proved this by the powerful and amazing things which He did through Jesus among you. You yourselves KNOW this is true! 23 You killed this man Jesus by handing him over to lawless men. They nailed him to a cross. But God knew ahead of time that all this would occur; it was part of His plan which He made long ago. 24 Jesus suffered the pains of death, but God set him free. God raised Jesus up from death. It was impossible for death to hold him. 25 This is what David said about Jesus:

‘I always saw the Lord before me,
because He is at my right side

to keep me secure.

26 So, my heart was glad and my mouth spoke with joy.

Yes, even my body will live with hope,

27 because You won't abandon my soul in death.

You will not allow the body of Your holy one to decay in the grave.

28 You taught me how to live.

You came near me, and I felt great joy.' (*Psalms 16:8-11*)

29 My Jewish brothers, I can tell you plainly about David, our ancestor. He died and was buried. His grave is still here with us today. 30 David was a prophet. God vowed to David that one of his descendants would sit upon David's throne. 31 David knew this before it took place. That is why David said this:

'He will not be left in death.

His body will not decay in the grave.' (*Psalms 16:10*)

David was talking about the Messiah rising from death. 32 So, Jesus, not David, is the one whom God raised from death! WE are all eye-witnesses of this! 33 Jesus was lifted up to heaven. Now Jesus is with God — at His right side. The Father has now given the promise of the Holy Spirit to Jesus. So now, Jesus poured out this which you see and hear. 34 David did not go up to heaven. It was Jesus. David himself said:

'The Lord God said to my Lord:

"Sit at My right side

35 until I put your enemies under your feet.'" (*Psalms 110:1*)

36 Therefore, all the people of Israel can be sure of this one thing: God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, this man whom YOU nailed to the cross!"

37 When the people heard this, they felt a sharp, cutting pain in their conscience. They asked Peter and the other apostles, "What should we do, brothers?"

38 Then Peter answered them, "Change your hearts and each one of you must be immersed by the authority of Jesus the Messiah, so that your sins may be forgiven. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is for YOU and for your children. It is also for people who are far away, for everyone whom the Lord our God may call."

40 Peter was warning them with many other words; he was encouraging them, saying, "Be saved from this twisted generation of people!"