

God made Jesus Lord and Christ

Acts 2:1-47

Key Verse: 2:36

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

1. Read verses 1-4. What do you know about the day of Pentecost? Where were the believers and what were they doing? What happened? What does this suggest about the power of the Holy Spirit? What had Jesus told them previously about the coming of the Holy Spirit? Read verses 5-13. Where was the crowd from? Why did they gather? What surprised and utterly amazed them? What had happened to those who were filled with the Holy Spirit? What was the response of the crowd?
2. What is the relationship of this event to the missionary command of Jesus? In what way is it a contrast to Babel in Genesis 11? What can we learn in this? Read verses 14–15. What did Peter and the other apostles do? How had they changed? Read verses 16-21. How did Peter explain why the believers were acting so strangely? What does it mean for sons and daughters to prophesy; for young men to see visions and old men to dream dreams? What did Peter prophesy? What did he promise? What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord”?
3. Read verse 22-24. Who were the people whom Peter addressed? Who did he talk about? Why? Of what did he remind them? How did they know about these things? What can we learn about Jesus from Peter’s description of his ministry? How did Jesus die? What was God’s set purpose regarding Jesus’ death? Who did Peter hold responsible for Jesus’ death? What did God do to use the evil of men for his own purpose and glory? Why was it impossible for death to keep its hold on him?
4. Read verses 25-47. Describe King David’s resurrection faith. What was his source of joy and hope? How did Peter interpret this prophetic psalm of David? What is his own testimony? How is the Risen Jesus related to the coming of the Holy Spirit? How does Psalm 110:1 affirm the deity of Christ and warn his enemies? (34,35) What is Peter’s concluding statement about who Jesus is? What did this mean to his listeners? What can sinners who participated in the crucifixion of the Son of God do? What is God’s promise? How did Peter continue to urge repentance? With what result? How did the new believers live? How did God continue to work among them? What was their attitude toward material things? What was their attitude toward each other? Toward God?