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²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." —Luke 3:21-23 ESV

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¹When the Day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

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⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance... ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

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¹⁶But 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...

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²¹And it shall come to pass
that everyone who calls
upon the name of the LORD
shall be saved.”
—Acts 2:1-4, 12-17, 21 ESV

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“What does this mean?” This is an
important question for a lost world and
a vital question for a living church!

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“The essential message of the
book of Acts is about the
effect of the Holy Spirit’s
arrival on a group of people
who would be called ‘the
church’ and their place in
God’s mission in the world.”

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The Occasion: Pentecost

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The Significance of Pentecost
A Celebration of Harvest
and Deliverance

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The Sermon: Peter **Acts 2:22-36**

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Joel 2:28-32; Psalm 16:8-11

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“The sermon is the climactic moment of an incredibly important day. Everything that happened on that day was building up to this sermon. The Lord chose this day for maximum impact. This was going to be a day that would catapult the church and the message of the church into the world.

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The church needed to be born on a dynamic day at a dynamic event that had far-reaching impact, and this was that kind of day.... There were thousands of carriers of the message of this event.

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So that what you might have imagined would have a slow beginning, namely the church with 120 people in it, had a massive, explosive beginning. Sovereign timing, perfect situation, the Lord Jesus would launch His church in such a way that it would spread rapidly.” —John MacArthur

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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— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

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²⁴God raised Him up,
loosing the pangs of death,
because it was not possible
for Him to be held by it.

—Acts 2:22-24 ESV

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What is the Gospel?

Christ was Crucified

Christ was Buried

Christ is Alive

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²⁹Brothers, 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. ³⁰Being 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,

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³¹He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,

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He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, ³⁵until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

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

—Acts 2:29-36 ESV

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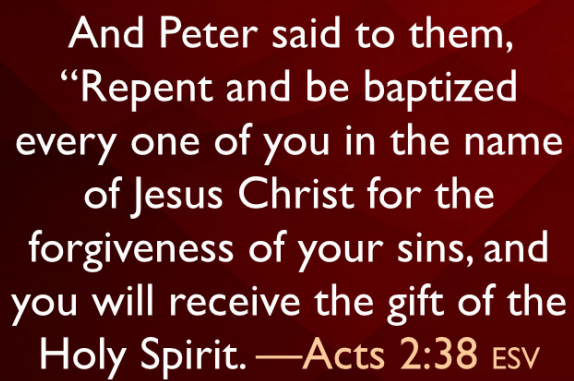
The Action: People
Acts 2:37

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“What shall we do?”

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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. —**Acts 2:38** *ESV*

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