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Acts 2:14–41 (NIV)

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice
and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you
who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen
carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as
you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is
what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the
Lord.
21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a
man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and
signs, which God did among you through him, as you
yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by
God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with
the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him
to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing
him from the agony of death, because it was impossible
for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,
27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the
dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the
patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is
here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that
God had promised him on oath that he would place one
of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to
come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that
he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did
his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life,
and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand
of God, he has received from the Father the promised
Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and
hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he
said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”’

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

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers,
what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “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 The promise is for you and your children and for all
who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he
pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt
generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were
baptized, and about three thousand were added to their
number that day.

Notes:

1. **When the Spirit is powerfully at work, the focus will be on Jesus.**

2. **The Spirit convicts and convinces the heart regarding Jesus.**

3. **Peter, full of the Spirit, calls for a response.**

4. **Full of the Spirit, Peter makes two promises.**