

Acts 2:14-41 Peter's first sermon (Luke gives us a summary)



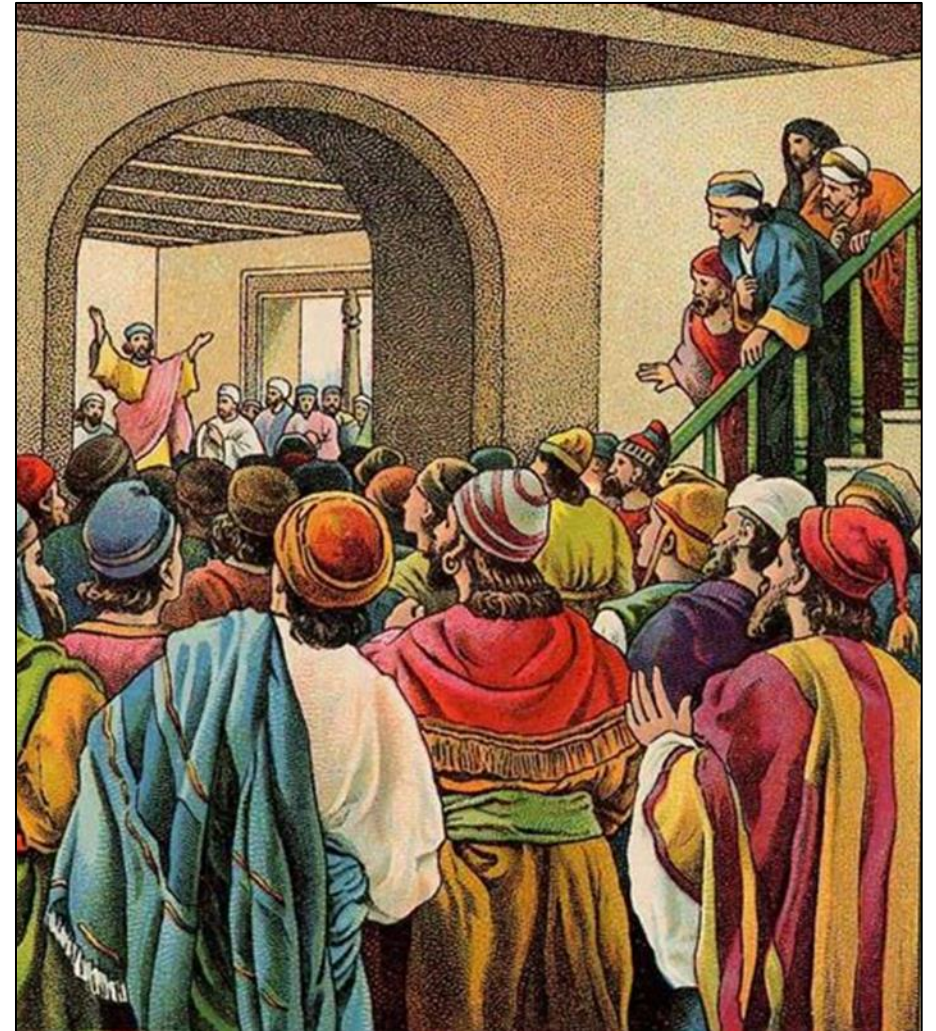
With many other words he warned them v40

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the crowd..

This was not the rabbi's way.

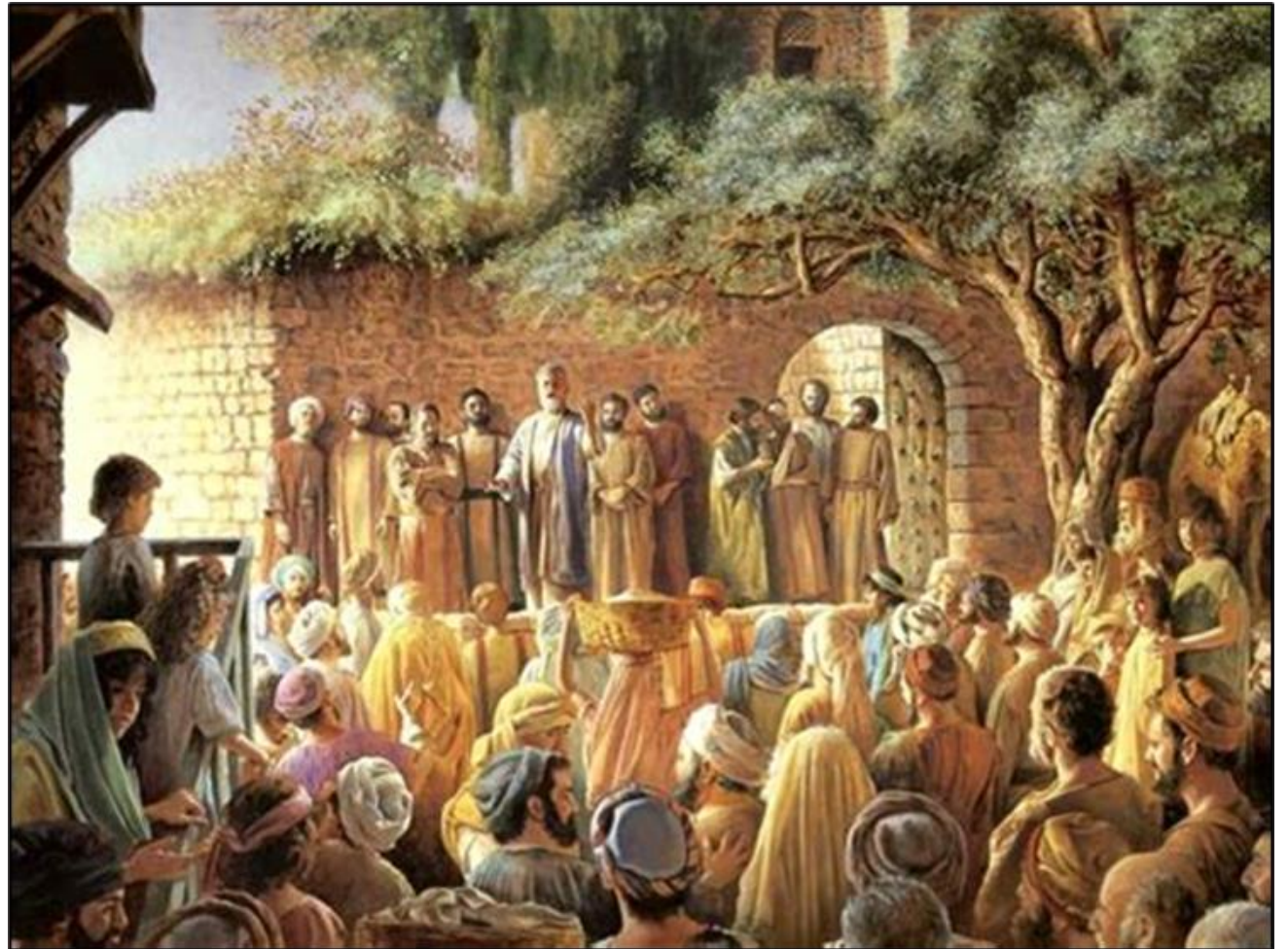
This is not the old Peter.

He speaks but not in tongues -
He addresses the crowd in Aramaic or
Greek. Various nationalities are present
and he quotes the Greek translation of
Psalms that was in use in Israel then –
the Septuagint.



Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem,
let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

A respectful address to
call for their attention



Dealing with criticism/objections

These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

Look at the time ! The 3rd hour. It's not possible in this place.



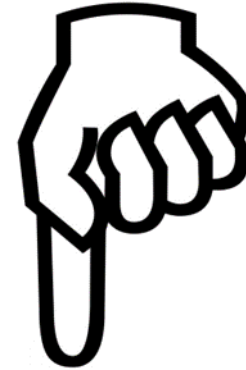
No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel..

Scripture is being fulfilled in front of you.

Note how the Spirit gave insight to Peter.

He quotes from memory!

Know your bible verses!



Καὶ ἔσται μετὰ ταῦτα καὶ ἐκχεῶ ἀπὸ τοῦ πνεύματός μου ἐπὶ πᾶσαν σάρκα, καὶ προφητεύσουσιν οἱ υἱοὶ ὑμῶν καὶ αἱ θυγατέρες ὑμῶν, καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι ὑμῶν ἐνύπνια ἐνυπνιασθήσονται, καὶ οἱ νεανίσκοι ὑμῶν ὀράσεις ὄψονται· καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς δούλας ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ἐκχεῶ ἀπὸ τοῦ πνεύματός μου.

Joel 2:28-32

`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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.`

He gives the full quotation from Joel (*in Hebrew bible it is Chapter 3*)
(*with the Septuagint readings and the interpretation of 'afterwards'*)

Men of Israel, listen to this..

Again he gives a respectful but authoritative address -
an important explanation is coming



There's more to listening
than just hearing

It's about Jesus

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.

God honoured Jesus' actions, showing God had sent him.

You are personally acquainted with the facts.

There's no denying the miracles he did.



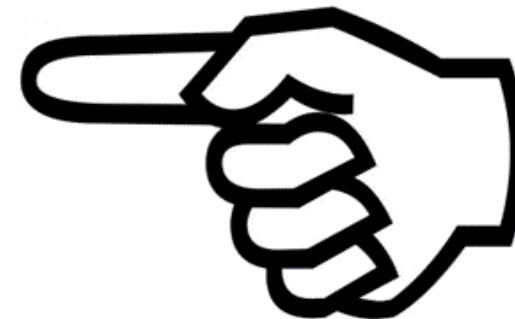
This man was handed over to you by God`s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

His shameful treatment was included in God`s sovereign plan,

But

That doesn`t excuse what you did to him.

People are responsible for their actions.

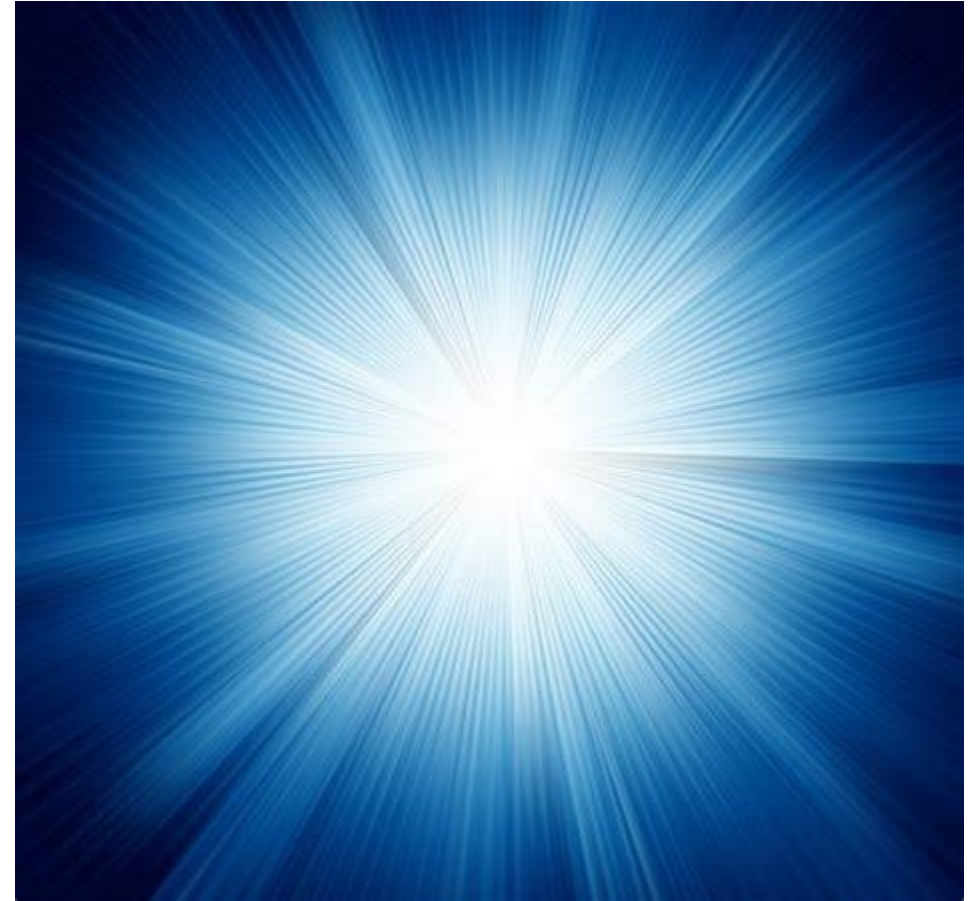


But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Fact! - God raised him from the dead.

This was God's vindication of who he claimed to be - The Son of God.

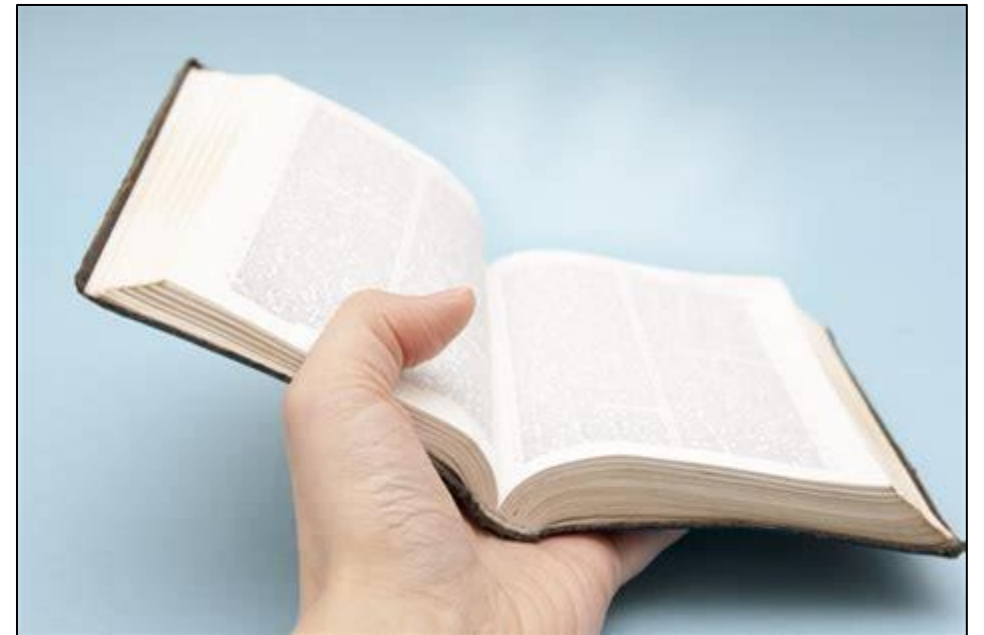
Death was powerless to retain its hold on him since he is the Son of God.



Scripture support from Psalm 16:8-11

David said about him.. "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence."

Peter is speaking to a group of people who know the scriptures and hold them as the authoritative truth.



A gentle application of the scripture quotation

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

David died.

You can visit his tomb in this city



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.

David believed the promise of the future Messiah king from his line



Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,
that he was not abandoned to the grave,
nor did his body see decay.

Since David died this cannot apply
to him – but David was
prophesying about the Messiah -
his burial and resurrection.



God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

God fulfilled this prophecy

We have seen him and we are here to tell you it's true - It's a fact.



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.

Jesus' resurrection and ascension deals with the shame he went through. He is exalted!

The present activity of the Spirit is proof of his exaltation.



For David did not ascend to heaven,

David's BODY did not ascend to heaven, it's still here!



Just a note: Where is David's spirit?

For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,
“The Lord said to my Lord.. "Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”`

David in Psalm 110 is ‘reporting’ a conversation
in heaven between the Father and the Son.

The Lord - God said to

My Lord – the master – Messiah King

He takes a position of authority, power and rule.

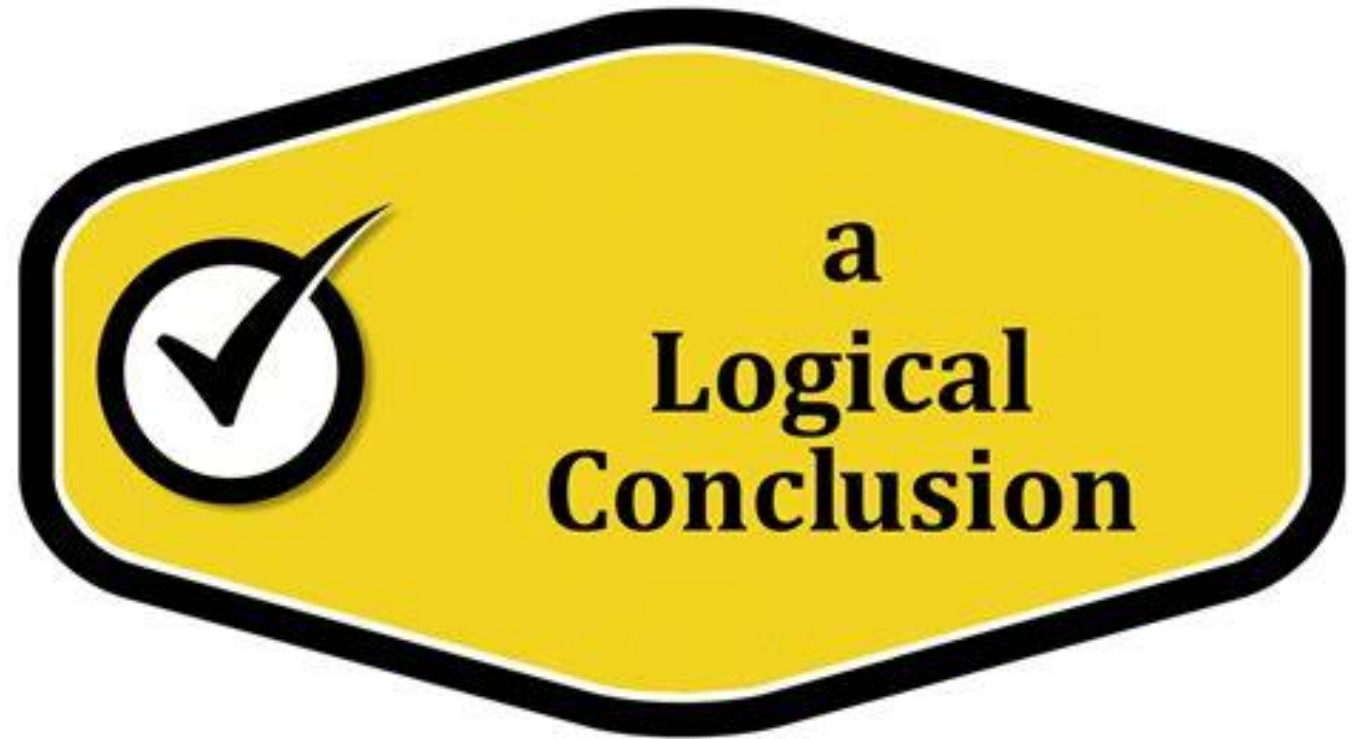


"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this.. God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

God has vindicated Jesus.

You killed him.
(collective guilt)

He is Lord (God's Son) and
Christ - the Anointed ruler



When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart

The Spirit who was at work in Peter was also working in the hearers.

Conscience – conviction – is a heart response.



and *they* said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

They turn to the apostles who confirm Peter's message

A response is needed

- What can we do?



We are in
BIG
trouble

What shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Acknowledge they were wrong.
(They cannot undo what they did. But they must recognise it as sin.)

Be baptised –the outward confirmation of faith in Jesus as the Messiah.

If they do this, there is the promise of forgiveness

This still stands today.



And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

He will come and fill you and confirm the reality of what has happened to you and empower you to live as a forgiven child of God



God's promise is ...

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--

1, Personal

2, For your family – children coming to faith

3, To distant lands and the future

(this suggests Gentile inclusion – Peter is not fully aware yet ...)



You plus ...

It's all of grace

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--**for all whom the Lord our God will call.**

He speaks of the call of God at work in people's hearts

Cf. God's promise to Abraham of extensive blessing.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



A response is needed now

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them,

This is not a take it or leave it message

He warned them of the dangers of rejecting the Messiah.

Reflecting God's heart, he urges them to believe and be saved.



"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

Do it, now! Your response is your choice.

The world has not improved since then.

The sinful world is ruined and sinking in sin and rebellion.

But there is a hope of an escape!



God at work!

Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They were saved by accepting that Jesus died for their sins and rose again to be their Lord. Accepted = they believed what he said.

Baptised as confirmation

Large response

The family congregation is
growing ...



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ROMANS 1:16.