Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Explaining Pentecost: It's about Jesus

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

1. Pentecost is all about Jesus. Acts 2:14-36

a. *Pentecost as a fulfilment of prophecy (Acts 2:14-21)*

b. *It's all about Jesus (Acts 2:22-28)*

c. *God has made this Jesus, that you crucified both Lord and Messiah (Acts 2:29-36)*

2. Repent and be baptized! Acts 2:29-37

d. *They were cut to the heart (Acts 2:37)*

e. *Repent & be baptized (Acts 2:38)*

f. *A promise for all (Acts 2:39)*

g. *The gravity of the message- Save yourself! (Acts 2:40-41)*

e. *A great harvest!*

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Acts 2:13-21. Peter refutes the mockery of verse 13, by citing Joel. In what ways is Pentecost the fulfillment of these verses?

2. Read Acts 2:22-35. Why does Peter quote David in Acts 2:25-28 (Ps 16:8-11), and Acts 2:34-35 (Ps 110:1)?

3. Read Acts 2:22-36. What does Peter assert about Jesus in these verses and why was it impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus?

4. Read Acts 2:37-41. What is the response of the crowd to Peters' preaching & what does he tell them to do? What do you think verse 39 means when it says 'those who are far off?"

B. Meditation & application

5. How does Peter contrast Israels treatment of Jesus with Gods' treatment of Jesus?

6. Why do you think that Luke gives us statistic summaries at 2:41, 47, 4:4, 6:7, 9:31, 16:5) How is this in keeping with our key verse- Acts 1:8?

7. What does Peters address here reveal to us about what the gospel is and how it relates to the gift of the Spirit?

8. How does Peter display the empowering witness of the Spirit in his preaching?

Dear Heavenly Father; We thankyou that the apostles were faithful witnesses. We pray that your Spirit might empower us to share the gospel in ways that point people toward Christ and his glory. In Jesus Name- Amen