



Study Guide
Sunday 30 May 2021
Acts 2.22-41 - Living Proof

Peter has earlier explained that the outpouring of the Spirit (witnessed by the gathered crowd) is the fulfillment of God's promise prophesied in Joel 2. 'In these last days, I will pour out my Spirit...'. God is doing a new thing!

Peter will now go on to explain that the reason the Spirit has been poured out is because the Messiah has come, and his eternal kingdom has begun, and the Spirit will empower its growth. He will now offer 3 proofs that Jesus is the Messiah who has poured out the Spirit from heaven with divine authority.

Please read Acts 2.22-24

Proof 1 – v22 Jesus' miracles, wonders and signs (see also Isaiah 11.1-2; John 3.1-2; John 10.20-21; John 5.36-37)

1. How do Jesus's miracles, wonders and signs prove that he is the promised Messiah – the anointed ruler of God's eternal kingdom?
2. Why were the Jewish religious people (in particular) so blind or resistant to believing? (see John 5.39-40). Why are people you know resistant to believing?

Proof 2 – v23 Jesus' Death (see also Isaiah 53.4-5; Zechariah 12.10; John 10.18)

3. How does Jesus' death prove that he is the promised Messiah?
4. How does Peter address God's Sovereign Plan for Jesus' death?

Proof 3 – v24 Jesus' Resurrection & Ascension

5. Why is Jesus' resurrection vital to Peter's argument? And why does the resurrection take on a particular focus in the preaching about Jesus throughout the Acts of the Apostles?

Peter calls on an 'Expert Witness' to testify about Jesus' resurrection, ascension and true identity.

6. Why is King David such a powerful witness for this crowd?
7. **Please read Acts 2.25-35.** In addition to prophesying about Jesus' resurrection and ascension, what do these verses reveal about the Messiah's true identity?
8. Who pours out the Spirit at Pentecost? And why is this significant?

Please read Acts 2.36-41

9. Why does Peter's sermon have such an impact on them?
10. How does this sermon relate to us? And what do you need to do in response?