

It's all about Jesus – Acts 2:14-47

I went to my Dad's 70th birthday party yesterday in Sydney. It gave me the opportunity to give a speech and so gather my thoughts about my dad. I spoke of my unique relationships with him as his only son. I spoke about his character and the parts that have most impacted me.

When you are born you come under the authority of your father. You are to submit to your father as the one responsible for you and answerable for his care of you. It doesn't take long for you to start behaving like you know better. Children don't have to be trained in disobedience it's something that comes naturally to us. When you are a teenager you definitely start to think you better. In fact you begin to think you know everything.

We disobey and so break relationships. When you do disobey and experience the consequences you may come at times have come to your senses. You change your attitude. The way back is to say sorry and ask for forgiveness. And say I won't do that again.

Today we are told in Acts 2 that there is one who has ultimate authority over us. Jesus who is Lord. We think and behave as if we know better than him and so disobey him. The only way restore our broken relationship with Him is to realise we have done wrong, say sorry and say that we won't disobey again.

1. What happened? Vv.14

Jesus continues his work in a new way - Powerful Preaching of Apostles

Read: 2:14-36

Events on their own have no meaning. The meaning comes with explanation.

This Spirit has come on the Apostles. What is the first thing that happens – they speak. Peter stands up and gives a clear explanation of what is happening. This is the first of much more to come. It is the beginning of the end of the world as we know it. The end will come when Jesus makes his 2nd coming and in the meantime the message of Jesus is to be preached to all the nations.

Peter says what is happening is firstly what God promised would happen. It is fulfilment of the promise of the Old Testament. Joel 2 says in the last days the Spirit would come on individuals in a way that it didn't before. The Last Days is the time between Jesus 1st coming and His 2nd. Now every Christian person has the privilege that only the prophets use to enjoy ie insight into God's plans. Now every believer has insight into God plans which is Jesus being preached to all the nations.

God's plan is that all His people proclaim His Word by His Spirit.

If you want to know whether a church has the Spirit of God. Ask a question – what place does the Word of God has in the church? Is it treasured? Is it prominent? Is it spoken? Is it lived by?

A Spirit filled church is one where the Bible is believed, read, preached as the Word of God not the word of men. Not only in the weekly gathering of believers but through the week. This is evident in the lives of the believers.

Is that evident in your life? Would there be enough evidence in your daily life to convict you of believing the Bible to be the word of God and so the source of truth and life?

***What is the word all about? What is Peter's sermon all about – JESUS
What is the message that is to be proclaimed to everyone?***

1. The explanation - It's all about Jesus

Read: 22-24

Peter says Jesus as King is the message of that Word.

Let me distil it down to a few points.

1. The miracles Jesus did were evidence he was sent by God. v.22

2. PPL in Jerusalem put him to death. V23
3. God raised Jesus to life. V.24
4. God promised in the OT his King would rule forever 2 Sam 7:16
5. Jesus Res proves He is God's King v.34-35
6. Jesus received the H.S and is pouring him out

Jesus ushered in the New Age. All these events happened because of Jesus. Peter is saying God has made Jesus ruler. He is ruling on High. v.36 God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.

The Holy Spirit is like the Lights on a building that only serve to draw our attention to the building.

Peter is preaching Jesus because of the Spirit's work in him. The Spirit's job is to shine a light on Jesus.

So our lives as believers is not about 'your best life now'. It is about Jesus.

As a church we are a one song band. We want to be a one hit wonder. That one song is the song about Jesus.

Well when the people here this they are cut to the heart. It has an impact on them. How could it not? It is God's word. They ask what shall we do? Peter says Repent and be baptised.

Repent means to turn from living as though you are King to living under Jesus as King. Many of them did this. In fact Luke tells us about 3000 did. That is God's power at work. This is a note that you will continue to hear through. See Acts. V.41, 47 This is showing the word goes out and people respond. It is a mission unstoppable. Just like the water droplet into a pond the ripples go out so the Spirit comes and the word ripples out.

What is your verdict? It is either Jesus is guilty of being the King because there is enough evidence to show this or not.

If you haven't get with the times. Jesus came and what is going on here is evidence that he will return. Only this time he will come to judge. Will you be found to be serving Him as King and trust him as Saviour? Please come and talk to me at the end of the meeting if you want to know how to start doing this or sign up for the Simply Christianity course.

If you already have the made the verdict that Jesus is King. You have received the Holy Spirit. What have seen the Spirit does? He causes people to preach Jesus is King. Are you doing that? Are living with him as King in every party of your life?. What is the Kings plan for this world until He returns? Preaching the Gospel to all nations. How are you playing a part in His plan?

3. What happens?

Read: 37-41

The people who hear are **cut to the heart** – they now had a conviction about what they heard. The information about Jesus challenged them but that's not enough. It is conviction not a conversion. They had to **REPENT**. Repentance is not something that is seen that is where baptism comes in. It is the outward physical symbol of what has happened and spiritually.

There are two parts to REPENTANCE.

1. INTELLECTUALLY. Or in your thinking – your attitude to Jesus.

You have to change you view of Jesus and so your attitude to Jesus.

See Jesus for who he is. If you don't believe his is God and so King you need to change your mind about him. Change to believing that Jesus is God and so King. Some standing their Jews thought he was blasphemers.

The had to do a complete about turn on what they think of Jesus. Might not think Jesus doesn't matter but he does. He is your King.

2. MORALLY – change your behaviour.

v.36

You guilty people. You might say that's not really us. We don't need to repent of that do we?

We need to come to see it was our sin that held him there. We guilty and that means we need to change our behaviour.

How do things change?

Go from being his enemies to being forgiven. You can become people of the forgiven people. The pardoned people. Jesus is not only your King but Christ ie Saviour. You have the constant companionship of Jesus in the Holy Spirit. You move from one group of people to another.

From v.40 you become a secure people protected from God's judgment. To the group under judgment to people forgiven.

You would have noticed in vv.42-47 that you become a part of a forgiven community.

What shall we do? Repent and be baptised every one of you.

Personal come one on one with God. DO it. Do it today.

Conclusion: Jesus in the King. The one we are to submit to him. We do not know best. We do not know more than him. Repent of your think about him and so your behaviour towards him.