

New Mount Moriah AMEC

Bible- Study, 11 Feb 2025

Acts 2:14-24 (NKJV)

Introduction: Last week's lesson concluded with men mocking Jesus's disciples in Jerusalem and saying they were full of new wine (intoxicating) and others doubting and looking for the meaning of hearing them speaking to them in their language. Tonight, we will discuss Peter's method of addressing those who doubted, mocked, and those seeking understanding of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson outline:

Vs. 14-18 Knowing Your Audience

Vs. 19-21 Now You Know

Vs. 22-24 Call on Him

Lesson Review:

Vs. 14-18 **Knowing Your Audience:** The disciples' unity is displayed in their standing together. In times of uncertainty, the church must stand together with one voice! The same Peter who denied Jesus three times now stands with the other disciples to preach the first sermon after the coming of the Holy Spirit. **The third hour** is 9:00 a.m. ***The last days** begin when Jesus came to earth and will end when He returns. **Pour** (echo) to pour forth, to shed forth. God gave His Spirit to dwell in believers (*).

***The Preacher Outline Sermon Bible** defines “**The Last Days**” as: The last days of earth's history, “God's work on earth, the final age of God's plan for humanity and the dispensation of God's grace, the age of the gospel.”

Critical Thinking: What impact if any would Peter's reference to Joel have on a non-Jewish audience? Based upon verse eighteen of our lesson, what is the importance of the word “**My**?”

Additional Insight: John 21:15-17

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Vs.19-20 **Now You Know: Wonders** (terata): happenings, indications in heaven that point to something that is going to happen. **Signs** (semeia): events on earth given by God to warn that

the end is at hand. John McArthur states, “Signs point to the power of God behind miracles—marvels have no value unless they point to God and His truth. How often do folks who call themselves prophets (*I call them for profits*) give a date/day for the world to end? Only God knows the day and the hour this world will end.

Additional Insight: Matthew 24:29-31

2 Peter 3:10-13

Critical Thinking: Please provide scripture (s) that offer insight into what we are to expect before the return of Jesus.

Vs. 21-24 **Call on Him: “Hear these words”:** The message of Jesus and His resurrection are words everyone should hear. Please read *Romans 10:14-15* and expound upon God’s source of folks hearing about Jesus and His resurrection. King James Version (KJV) of our text reads, “Jesus of Nazareth, a man ***approved by God.**” Means attest, accredited, sanction, certify or endorse. **Attest** is used in the New King James Version (NKJV).

Critical Thinking: Why are the words about Jesus and His resurrection important to all humanity?

Additional insight: *Matthew 3:16-20

*Matthew 17:1-5

- Our sins did not catch God by surprise He delivered Jesus by His determined purpose and foreknowledge to die for our sins! **Determined** (horismenei) means pre-determined, appointed, ordained, and planned purpose. In your opinion how does *John 10:7-18*, confirm God’s determined purpose for Jesus?