

# **WIND AND FIRE**

**Acts 2:1-36**



**The Church founded on the rock  
(Christ Jesus)  
and shaped by wind and fire  
(the Holy Spirit)**

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## The Holy Spirit Comes

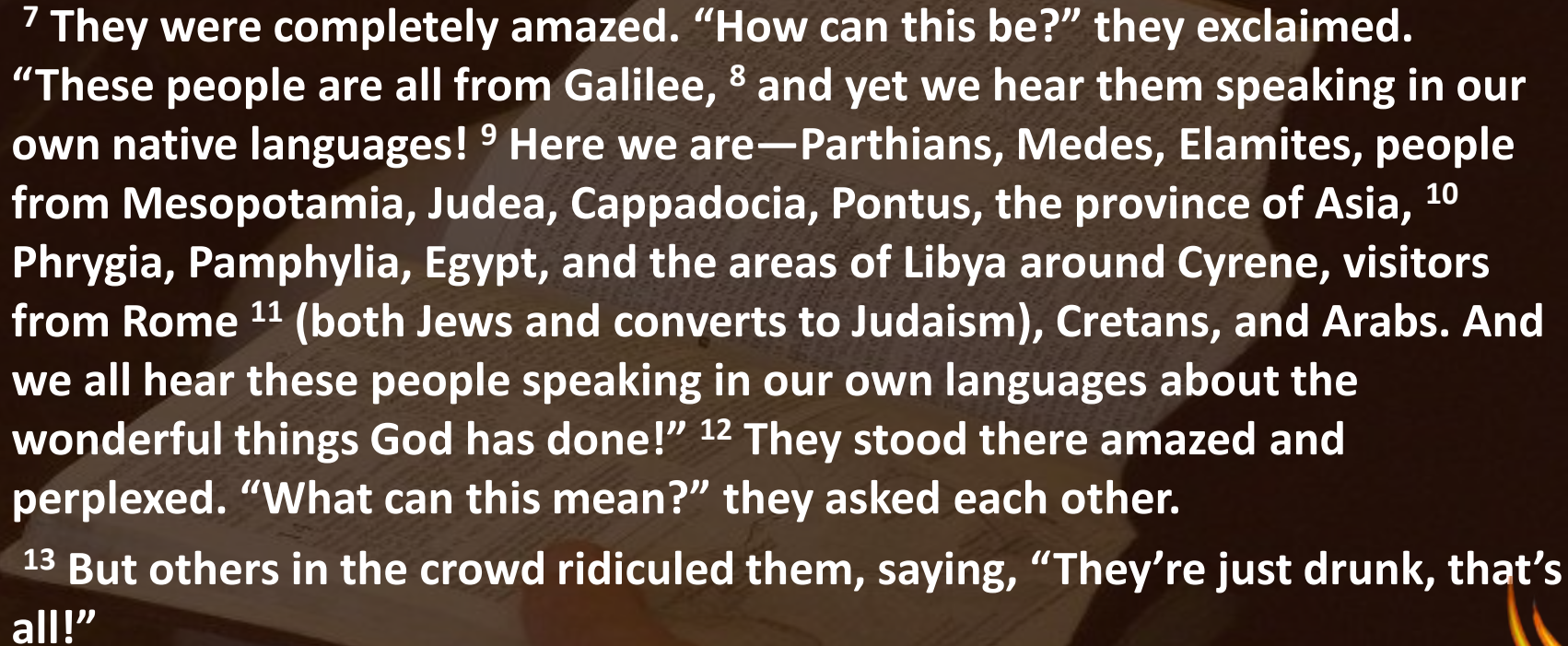
<sup>1</sup> On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. <sup>5</sup> At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.



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<sup>7</sup> They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, <sup>8</sup> and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! <sup>9</sup> Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” <sup>12</sup> They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

<sup>13</sup> But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”



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## Peter Preaches to the Crowd

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. <sup>16</sup> No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days,’ God says,

‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will dream dreams.!



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<sup>18</sup> In those days I will pour out my Spirit  
even on my servants—men and women alike—  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will cause wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below—  
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will become dark,  
and the moon will turn blood red  
before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

<sup>21</sup> But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD  
will be saved.'

<sup>22</sup> "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by  
doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.



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<sup>23</sup> But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. <sup>24</sup> But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. <sup>25</sup> King David said this about him:

‘I see that the LORD is always with me.

I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

<sup>26</sup> No wonder my heart is glad,  
and my tongue shouts his praises!  
My body rests in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not leave my soul among the dead  
or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.



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<sup>28</sup> You have shown me the way of life,  
and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne.

<sup>31</sup> David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave.



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<sup>32</sup> “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. <sup>33</sup> Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. <sup>34</sup> For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,

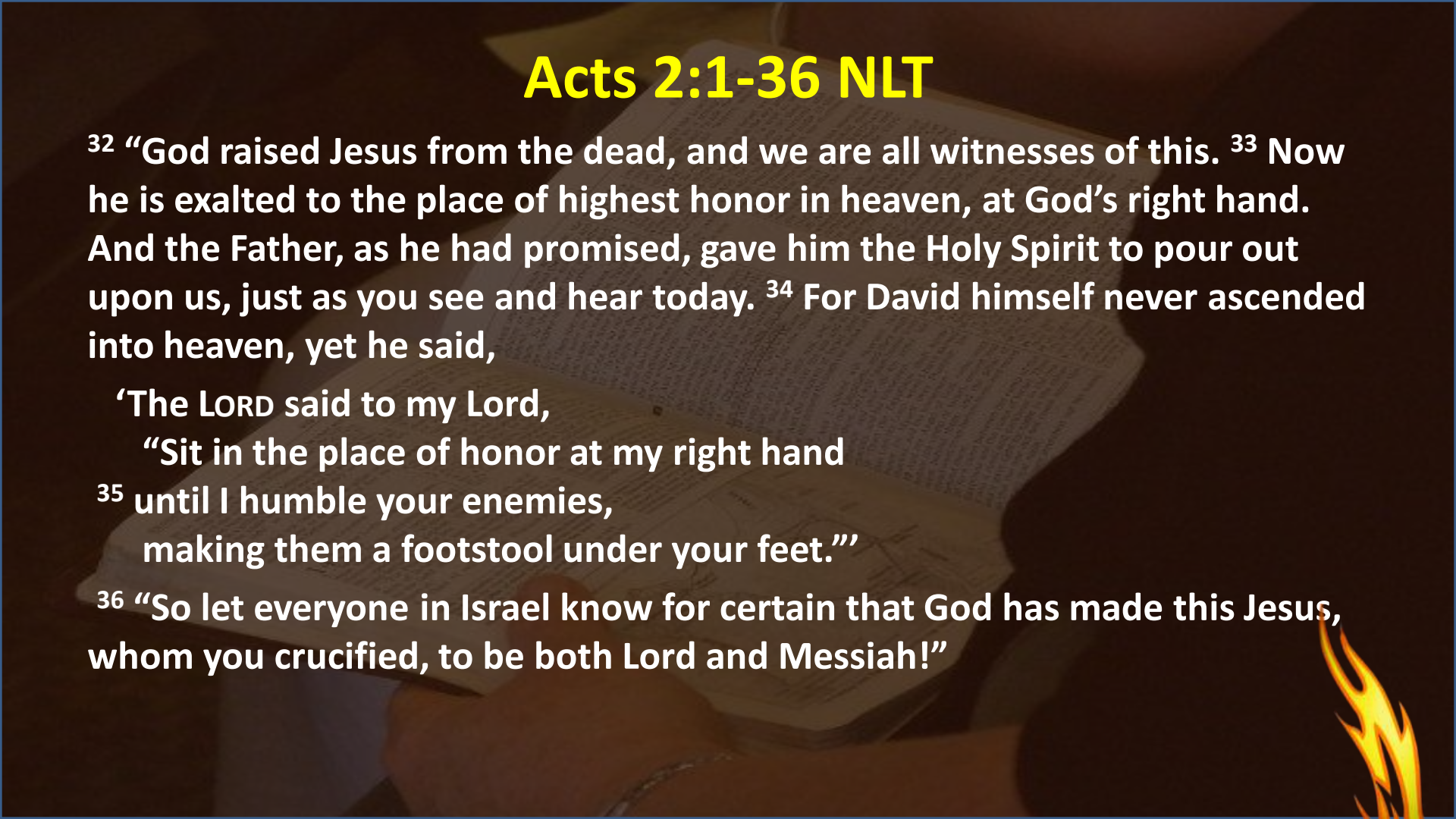
‘The LORD said to my Lord,

“Sit in the place of honor at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I humble your enemies,

making them a footstool under your feet.”’

<sup>36</sup> “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”



# TAKE HOME

- 1) The prophets made it clear...a huge dose of the Holy Spirit would mark the beginning of a New Day.
- 2) All the markings of Messiah: Miracles, mighty wonders and signs too.
- 3) The jury needed to see it...the empty grave.
- 4) The whole batch of evidence made one thing perfectly clear: Jesus is Lord!



## **Pentecost Was Meant To Be Special...but Who'd Have Dreamed Of This! --Acts 2:1-4**

- A Jewish Thanksgiving of sorts...50 days after Passover
- Hebrew pilgrims are in town from hither and yon.
- Meanwhile, back in the Upper Room...the place is rockin'.
- A gale of wind from heaven and Apostles looking like human candles. Luke 3:16-17
- The whole town comes running.

# A Few Guys Are Speaking Every Language Under Heaven --Acts 2:5-13

- Aren't they all Galileans?
- The message is the same in every dialect: The Wonders of God
- Could they be drunk? Come on, it's only 9 in the morning.

# **Peter, How About Some Explaining?**

*--Acts 2:14-21*

- Remember what Joel told us about the beginning of the Last Days?
- This is it! The Spirit is for people of the whole world.
- The sun turned to darkness? It happened just 7 weeks ago.
- The Person is Jesus...The Time is Now.

# **Jesus... With All The Credentials Of The Awaited Messiah** --Acts 2:22-24

- **God marked him by his mighty works, miracles and signs.**
- **The plan was God's...the benefit is to be yours.**
- **You demanded a guilty verdict and execution ...but God reversed them both.**

# Call King David To Testify On The Matter

--Acts 2:25-35

- David was great but his greater son  
...the tomb can't hold him. --*Psalms 16:10*
- His recently refurbished tomb is a local landmark  
...and David is still there.
- One of David's descendants would occupy the throne as  
King ...hmmm. --*Psalms 132:11*

## AND NOW? --Acts 2:36, 37

- **Jesus is at the right hand of...God!**  
*--Psalm 110.1, Mark 12:35-37, Luke 22:69*
- **The court case has been thrown out.** *--Mark 14.61*
- **With all of this evidence, there is only one possible conclusion: Jesus is Lord!**
- **Joel's promise is about to be fulfilled: All who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.** *--Joel 2:32*



# Confession

**I believe that Jesus is  
the Christ, the Son of  
the living God.**

**I trust him as my Lord  
and Savior.**

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Prayer





**Go! God's Fire and Wind  
Are Always There for You.**