

## Pentecost #2: Prayer, Miracles, Preaching, Persecution, Growth

Acts 3:1-26 / 4:1-4 / February 18, 2023

### TRANSITION: Between Pentecost (Acts 2) and Persecution (Acts 3) (2:41-47, ESV)

#### Public Conversions

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. (v. 41, ESV)

#### Corporate Worship

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (v. 42, ESV)

#### Powerful Authority

And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. (v. 44, ESV)

#### Generous Community

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. (v. 44-45, ESV)

#### Loving Family

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. (v. 46-47a, ESV)

#### Gracious Sovereignty

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (v. 47b)

### PENTECOST #2: Specific Example of Jesus from Heaven

#### PRAYER: TEMPLE (3:1, ESV)

*PENTECOST PRAYER: All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14, ESV)*

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

#### MIRACLE: LAME MAN HEALED (3:2-10, ESV)

*PENTECOST MIRACLE: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4, ESV)*

#### Observable Physical Disability

And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

#### Spoken Command in Jesus' Name

And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said,  
"Look at us."

And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, *"I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"*

#### **Instantaneous Healing**

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

#### **Publicly Acknowledged Miracle**

And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms.

#### **RESPONSE: AMAZEMENT AND OPENNESS (3:11, ESV)**

PENTECOST RESPONSE: And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." (Acts 2:12-13, ESV)

And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.

#### **MESSAGE: JESUS CRUCIFIED AND RESURRECTED (3:12-26, ESV)**

PENTECOST MESSAGE: But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. (Acts 2:14, ESV)

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people:

*"Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"*

#### **Jesus as the Crucified Servant**

*The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life,*

#### **Jesus as the Resurrected Life**

*whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.*

#### **Jesus as the Healer by Faith**

*And his name – by faith in his name – has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

## Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Prophets

*"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.  
But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled."*

## Jesus as the Redeemer

*Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,  
that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and  
that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all  
the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.*

## Jesus as a Prophet Like Moses

*Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in  
whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from  
the people.'*

## Jesus as King Like David

*And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.*

## Jesus as the Seed of Abraham

*You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And  
in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'*

## Jesus as the Savior of the World

*God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your  
wickedness."*

## OUTCOME: 2,000 CONVERTED AND PERSECUTION (4:1-4, ESV)

PENTECOST OUTCOME: And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received  
their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their  
number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47, ESV)

And as they were speaking to the people,

**Disturbance:** the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly  
annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection  
from the dead.

**Arrest:** And they arrested them and

**Imprisonment:** put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

**Growth:** But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to  
about five thousand.