

**Peter's message to the crowd - Part 2**  
**( God made Jesus Lord and Messiah )**

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Acts 2:22 - 27

Key verse 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

**(Greeting)** Good morning. Today is Sunday. And it's very nice weather. Thank you for coming to the Sunday worship service. It's a great joy to listen to God's words every Sunday morning. I will pray first.

**(Opening prayer)** Heavenly father. Thank you for having us at the Sunday worship service. Thank you for studying the book of acts this year 2024. Help us to learn how the disciples of Jesus acted from the power of the holy spirit and the words of God. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The title of my message is, "Peter's message to the crowd." Subtitle is "God made Jesus Lord and Messiah." In the previous passage, we learned how the Holy spirit came to people on the day of Pentecost. There was a sound like the blowing of a violent **wind (image #1)** and people saw something like tongues of **fire (image #2)** that came to rest on them. Msn. Samuel Lee compared the holy spirit to the wind on the ocean. Our heart is like the **ocean (image #1)** and it needs wind to move. If there is no wind, the ocean will not move. It will be stagnant. What can move our hearts? Actually many things can move our hearts. Watching movies or dramatic sports games moves our hearts. Or listening to good speech moves people's hearts. Today's passage is about Peter's speech in front of people. While I was preparing this message, I watched 2 speeches on Youtube. First, **(image #4)** the president of the Korean soccer association delivered his speech in front of a large group of media 2 days ago. Second, **(image #5)** Steve Jobs' speech in front of the 2005 Stanford graduation students. Both speakers were in totally different situations. The Korean president was under criticism while Steve Jobs was invited as guest speaker. Both speakers prepared their speech in papers just like our UBF messengers because they have a time limit. What Peter said in his speech was recorded in this chapter 2. Let's look at what he said.

**Part 1. Peter's message to the Crowd. ( 2:22 - 36 )**

"Fellow Jews and all you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you. Listen carefully to what I say." Peter drew the attention of people. Peter asked people to listen to him. He wanted to explain something to people on this day of Pentecost. What was his message?

First, these people are not drunk.

Look at verse 15. "These people are not drunk. It's only nine in the morning!" Peter told them these people who were speaking in other tongues, or other languages are not drunk. If that's the case, anyone who wants to speak any other languages has to drink a lot of wine. So if that's the

case, anyone who wants to speak English very well in America should not go to ESL classes. Just drink a lot of special wine for English.

As you know, speaking in other tongues is one of the signs of the Holy Spirit from God. How could Peter explain this to the crowd? Peter used the scriptures from the prophet Joel 2. Look at verse 17 - 18. "In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy." "I will pour out my spirit in those days, and they will prophesy." The Jews were familiar with the books of the old testaments. They knew these verses. "My Spirit" refers to God's spirit, or the spirit of God. God promised he will pour out his spirit in those days on his servants and they will prophesy. So speaking in other tongues meant that God's spirit came on them.

Let's read verse 22. Peter points out Jesus of Nazareth, who was his master and teacher. Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited, which means approved, officially recognized or authorized by God to us. It was done by wonders in the heavens above, signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun turned to darkness and the moon to blood. When Jesus was born, there were shepherds in the fields nearby. Suddenly such a large number of angels, a heavenly host appeared to them, praising God, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Signs on the earth below were shown by Jesus during his 3 years ministry. When Jesus was dying on the cross, the sun stopped shining.

Peter said all these signs were shown through Jesus of Nazareth from his birth to death. Not many people knew how Jesus was born, or the birth of Jesus. But everyone at that time knew how Jesus died.

So everyone knew how Jesus died. Everyone saw the death of Jesus while only several people saw the baby Jesus. People saw how Jesus was sentenced to crucifixion before Pilate. Because they told Pilate, "Crucify him!" when he asked people, "What shall I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?" And people saw Jesus was carrying his own cross and was crucified on the cross. From 9 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon, People saw Jesus hanging on the cross until his death. They also saw the sun stopped shining from noon to 3 in the afternoon. At three in the afternoon Jesus cried out, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Look at verse 23. Peter said Jesus was handed over to people by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge. Jesus' arrest was not an accident by surprise. It was under God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge. But people put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Let's read verse 24. God raised Jesus from the dead. God freed him from the agony of death.

In verse 25 - 28. Peter used Psalm 16:8 - 11 from king David. David was a king and experienced soldier who was good at the military battlefield. But Peter said that David was also a prophet in

verse 30. David, who was called a man after God's own heart, could write 73 Psalms inspired by the spirit of God.

Let's read verse 27.

Peter continued his message. David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah from his Psalm 16. He was not abandoned to the realm of the dead. Nor did his body see decay. Peter was one of the disciples who witnessed the risen Jesus.

(John 20:19 - 22) "Peace be with you!" Jesus appeared in the locked house and stood among the disciples. Jesus showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the risen Jesus.

Let's look at verse 32 - 33. God has raised this Jesus to life. Peter and his disciples are the witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus who is the Messiah. And he has received the promised Holy Spirit from God and has poured out on the believers.

In verse 34 - 35, Peter used Psalm 110:1 from king David. Jesus used verse 34 in **Mark 12:36** while he was teaching in the temple courts.

"Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of God?"

"The Lord said to my Lord." David calls him 'Lord.' "How then can he be his son?"

The original language says, "Jehovah says to my Lord." So the Lord is "Jehovah" and my Lord is the future Messiah.

Let's read today's key verse 36. "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

David prophesied that my Lord will be the Messiah. Peter announced that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified is Lord and Messiah that David mentioned in Psalm 110:1.

Jesus is the promised Lord and resurrected Messiah. Do you believe that Jesus is the promised Lord and Messiah? However, we crucified this Jesus due to our sins.

## **Part 2. People were cut to the heart. ( 2:37 - 41 )**

Look at verse 37. After Peter finished his message, people were cut to the heart. What does this mean, cut to the heart? Its Greek word, katanyssomai means pain of heart. In other words, it could mean a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart from **Psalm 51:17**. "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise." Contrite means feeling sorrow for a wrong that one has done.

People asked Peter. "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied in verse 38. Let's read verse 38. "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy spirit."

What shall we do? John the Baptist preached to the crowd who came to him, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." People confessing their sins, were baptized by him in the river. John the Baptist says, "I baptize you with water for repentance." "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

In the same way, Peter answered them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Hebrew word for repent means "return", or "turn around and go in the opposite direction". It is from rebellion against God to obedience toward God. Romans 1:21 explains the condition of rebellion against God. "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."

We need to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Peter said "Every one of you". Every one of you here were already baptized in the name of Jesus. Someone brought you to Jesus through the bible study and prayer. We received the Holy Spirit through Jesus who is the Lord and Messiah. So we need to preach and teach people and the college students through God's words and baptize them in the name of Jesus.

Peter also pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." In verse 41, about 3000 people were baptized and added.

**[ Personal testimony ]** When I was in college in Anam UBF, the verse Mark 2:17 touched my heart. "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." I recognized myself as the sick who needs a doctor and a sinner who needs a Savior. I recognized Jesus as my doctor and my Messiah.

However while I was preparing for this message, I realized that I did not serve Jesus as my Lord and my Messiah, but I crucified Jesus. Myself was the Lord, or the owner over my life. I wanted to have some kind of success in my life. I wanted to do what I want to do in my life. I was holding my life and myself firmly under my ownership, and would not let go of Jesus.

How can I receive Jesus as my Lord and Messiah? I have to repent my sins, selfishness, lust, selfish ambition before God and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins just as verse 38. I have to serve Jesus as my Lord and Messiah through God's ministry and preaching the Gospel.

This is my personal testimony. After I graduated from Korea University, majoring in mechanical engineering, I met a man who had a good career in an engineering company. We talked about many things, and asked me, "What do you like to do?" He noticed I did not have any desire to do anything. I was anti-social, and barely graduated from my college with low grades. After I got out of his office, I realized that I wanted to draw comics. Drawing comics was my childhood dream. I visited a Christian comic artist who worked and lived at home alone. I asked him. "Can

you teach me how to draw comics?" By his recommendation, I went to a cartoon animation academy. This started my pursuit of the animation industry. In 2002, I came to New York by shepherd Mark Yang's recommendation for New York UBF. After I graduated from FIT, I met an art director named Vincent. He started his own studio at the Rockefeller center building. In the 100 square feet office, only I and Vincent were working there. That time, I felt my childhood dream came true. I felt like Walt Disney who started his own studio in his garage. My antisocial problem, or spiritual problem, or any problems did not matter at that time. I felt real happiness during that time, just sitting in the office. But God did not leave me alone there. I had a right ankle injury in 2008 and caused a body imbalance and could not continue my animation job. In 2009, I married msn. Joy from Kyung Sung center by the help of msn. David Baik and shd. Gyunghee Suh. I worked at the grocery wholesale company for several years before I was hired by MTA subway. In MTA, I met many ex auto mechanics and electricians who taught me many things. Suddenly I remembered what my college professor in Korea university said during his class. One of his students told him that he decided to become a Christian minister on the day of the college graduation. My professor was very disappointed at what the student said at the graduation day after all 4 years of his teaching. The professor talked about it a couple of times in his class. After I came to MTA, I told my professor in my mind, "Professor, I came back where I belong all these years after my graduation. I am sorry."

I worked hard in the MTA, but again my left foot injury occurred, and I had second foot surgery last year. I felt my left and right foot are not stable, and it causes more body imbalance. I wanted to build up another career in MTA, but my body was not healthy. I was angry God does not help me in any of my jobs so far. While I was preparing this message, I could not even remember when or if I ever confessed Jesus is my Lord and my Messiah. So one night I confessed to Jesus consciously. "Jesus, you are my Lord and my Messiah. Please be my Lord and my Messiah." Jesus is where I belong and I have to come to him and serve him.

### **Part 3. The Fellowship of the Believers ( 2:42 - 47 )**

Those people devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship and prayer. All the believers were together. Every day they met together. In their homes, they ate together with glad and sincere hearts. It was like our UBF ministry in many countries. Disciples grow in this way.

In conclusion, we learned that Jesus is the Lord and Messiah from God. God raised Jesus from the dead. As Peter preached to the crowd based on Psalms, we have to preach and teach people about Jesus and his resurrection through the words of God and prayer.

Thank you for listening so far. Thank you for your patience. I will pray.

**(closing prayer)** Heavenly father, thank you for the study of the book of Acts. Thank you for Peter's message to the crowd. Help us to listen and accept his message about Lord and messiah Jesus. Help us to also preach and teach people, campus students about Jesus in the same way. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.