

Acts # 21

“A Believer in Jesus Christ’s Two Favorite Questions”

*Acts 2:25-38*

**Upon contact with The Twelve, the people were quite shocked that these Galileans could speak so intelligently and clearly in their various native tongues.**

So, their bewilderment, amazement and perplexity as the Scripture indicates, caused many of them (not all because some erroneously thought The Twelve were drunk at 9 AM) to do something very interesting and profitable for them and us.

*There was a contingent of positive Jewish unbelievers in Jerusalem at this time who were primed and ready for the Gospel, so they responded to the noises and sights of this magnificent and extremely rare incidence in which God Himself opens the curtain of eternity and enters His creation.*

**God is in the business of explaining Himself and His actions.**

So often, we run into people who are negative toward the truth, that it’s refreshing to find those who are desirous to hear about Jesus Christ and willing to ask: “What does this mean?”

*We must not become discouraged by lack of response; our mission is to provide accurate truthful Gospel information and that requires consistent study on our part.*

As the Jewish people ask one another: ‘What does this mean?’ they are implying: ‘What does this have to do with us?’

**In order to answer the people’s question, Peter is framing a logical proof argument like a lawyer presenting his client’s defense in a courtroom by making a structured presentation of the facts.**

He’s saying in answer to your question as to what this all means: God demonstrated and validated Jesus’ claim to be the God-man, Israel’s Messiah, with the undeniable evidentiary proof of miracles, signs and wonders.

*Jesus Christ is not a man who acquired deity or was considered deity by His followers; His claims were validated by God the Father miraculously!*

**David is explaining that the basis of his stability in life is because of what he saw concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.**

David received what we can readily receive and that’s stability from spiritually seeing the Lord.

*The real question is: Is David referring to his own experience or is he prophesying of something that Messiah would experience in the future?*

And if so, is David aware that he is writing future prophecy?

**David is a king but he's more than a king; he's a prophet also and when he wrote the 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm, he was prophesying of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

David knew Jesus Christ would be raised up because Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant.

*God promised David unconditionally that he would have a son who would reign forever and Peter is now explaining this to answer the people's question.*

**The resurrection is only a step in the direction of the exaltation of the humanity of Christ which is absolutely necessary to fulfill the conditions of the angelic dispute.**

Remember that after His resurrection, Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father above all angels as a member of the human race.

*Humanity is above angels only because Jesus Christ in His resurrection body is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

**The answer Peter is presenting is in Word of God, as Peter has preached it and it's so powerful that it has actually pierced the minds of these Jews who were standing around.**

So, the principle is obvious; whenever Jesus Christ is proclaimed and the Gospel message is received, the Holy Spirit pierces the mentality of the listening unbeliever but only through the standards of the Word of God.

**Repent is a non-meritorious word which means to change your mind about Jesus Christ.**

Repent and believe are actually two parts of the same thing; we cannot believe without repenting and we cannot repent without believing.

*But it must be remembered that repent in salvation has nothing to do with sin; we do not repent of sin to be saved; we do not feel sorry for sin to be saved; to repent means to adopt a complete change of mental attitude. \_*