



# ACTS

CHRIST BUILDS  
HIS CHURCH

What Does This Mean? | Acts 2:14-36

# MAIN POINT

It has always been God's plan to build the church on the gospel of Jesus Christ.





**IT MEANS...**

The Spirit is the promised  
**sign** that we are in the  
**last days** (14-21)

• **10** But **the day of the Lord will come** like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. **11** Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, **what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,**

2 Peter 3:10-11



*IT MEANS...*

Jesus is the promised **Christ**  
who died and was raised  
from the **dead** (22-32)



**IT MEANS...**

Jesus is the promised **Lord**  
who has been exalted to  
the throne of **David** (33-35)

# APPLICATION

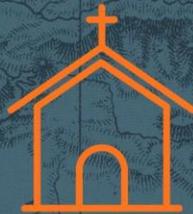
Be saved by calling upon the  
name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
(vv.21, 36)

<sup>9</sup> ...if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on **the name of the Lord** will be saved."

Romans 10:9,13





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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

3:20-21

— Today's Sermon ————— 2-22-26 —

**“What Does This Mean?”**

*Acts 2:14-36 – Pastor Scott Gnuse*

**MAIN POINT:** It has always been God's plan to build the church on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Jesus is the promised \_\_\_\_\_ who died and was raised from the \_\_\_\_\_ (22-32)

Jesus is the promised \_\_\_\_\_ who has been exalted to the throne of \_\_\_\_\_ (33-35)

**APPLICATION:** Be saved by calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (21, 36)

## **Growing Deeper**

1. What do you think of Peter's understanding that we are living in the last days? Does this fact change your perspective of how you live right now? What should it change about your specific attitudes and actions?
2. According to v.23, Jesus was "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God." How do you wrestle with the tension that God is totally sovereign while humans remain fully responsible for their own actions? How do we see this at work in the crucifixion of Jesus?
3. Peter's sermon is centered upon what most would call the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. What are the essential elements that go into the gospel message? Why is the gospel a truth that Christians must agree upon?
4. Peter's first sermon set a precedent for what good, faithful preaching should look like: biblically-based, Christ-focused, Spirit-empowered, and well-reasoned. Do you agree with this assessment? Are there other elements that go into faithful preaching that one would find in the Scriptures?

**Heart Preparation:** Prepare your heart for worship on 03/01 by reading and meditating on Acts 2:37-41.

**Prayer Prompt:** Almighty God, we praise You for Your infinite wisdom. Before the creation of this world, You planned to send Your Son as a substitute for our sinful ways. Thank You that all who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ can be saved! Amen.

## **Reaching Farther**

**Family:** As a family, ask your children if they can explain the gospel to you. Since 'gospel' is one of the most common words we use as Christians, we can often assume we know what it means but lack true understanding. Make sure they understand the key components and feel free to use Peter's sermon in Acts 2 as an example. You can end by asking them how they have responded to the gospel message.

**Community:** Rehearse the gospel message to yourself each day. Perhaps use a simple formula built on four key words: God (holy creator), man (sin), Jesus (salvation), and response (repent & believe). Consider getting a copy of Greg Gilbert's short book *What is the Gospel?* to help you with this.