Acts Week 2: 2:1-47

Review

* Descriptive vs. Prescriptive
* Jew/Gentile Interplay
* 40 Days teaching on the Kingdom of God
* Ascension
* Choosing Matthias to replace Judas

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Jean II Restout’s “Pentecost” 1732

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The Coming of the Spirit (2:1-13)

* Day of Pentecost: (aka: Feast of Weeks) Fifty days after Passover, one of the major Jewish celebrations that commemorated the end of the grain harvest season.
* “divided tongues as of fire… rested on them”
  + The Holy Spirit’s (Yahweh’s) presence frequently takes form of fire (Gen 15:17; Ex 3:2-6; 13:21-22; 19:18)
  + Luke 3:16? (Was it a reference to a single future event, or two separate events?)
* (Systematic Theology) Filling1 vs. Filling2 vs. Indwelling
  + Filling1: temporary empowerment for specific purposes (1 Sam 16:14; Ps 51:11; Lk 1:15, 41; Acts 2:4; 4:8; 9:17; 13:9)
  + Filling2: Progressively becoming more Christ-like and thus “filled” with the Spirit to a state of fullness. (Lk 4:1; Acts 13:52; Eph 5:18; Gal 5:22-23)
  + indwelling: permanent residence/seal for believers in the church age. (Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13; 2 Cor 1:22)
* “we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God”
  + Who is hearing this?
  + What are they hearing/hearing about?
  + What are the two reactions?

Peter’s Sermon (2:14-40)

Joel’s Prophecy (2:14-21):

* Who is Peter’s audience?
* “But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel…”
  + What is the context of Joel 2:28-32?
    - “Day of the Lord”
    - Kingdom of God
    - Destruction and restoration of Jerusalem/Judah
    - V. 32
  + Did everything Peter quoted happen at Pentecost? Did any of it?
  + Why is Peter quoting this passage?

Jesus’s Fulfillment (2:22-24):

* Which Jesus? (v.22-23)
* What did the “men of Israel” do to him?
* What did God do to him? Why?

David’s Promise (2:25-31):

* Based on Psalm 16, what does David understand God promised him? (v.27-28) (v.31)
* v.29 (paraphrase) “I’m confident David’s dead.”
* v.30 (paraphrase) “since David was a prophet and God made the Davidic covenant with him…” (2 Sam 7)
* v.31 (paraphrase) “he saw the resurrection coming!”

Jesus’s Fulfillment (2:32-36):

* v.32 (paraphrase) “It’s come, and we saw it!”
* “He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing,” i.e. “This event (speaking in tongues in front of you) is Jesus’s doing… he poured the Holy Spirit on us!”
* “The Lord said to my Lord…”
  + Where is he sitting?
  + Until when?
* So… (v.36) what?

Application (2:37-40):

* What does Peter tell them to do?
* Is this the prescription for all believers? Why or why not?
* “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”
  + Who is the crooked generation?

The Church has Begun (2:41-47)

* How many were added?
* What all were they doing? (v.42, 44-47)
* “day by day” (v.46, 47)

