

WE'VE ARRIVED:

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Acts 2:14-24

1. The arrival of God's Spirit is understood through the **preaching** of God's Word. (vv.14-15)
2. The arrival of God's Spirit begins the **last** days by bringing God's **Presence** to all His people. (vv.16-18)
3. The arrival of God's Spirit means **judgment** is coming—so turn to **Jesus**. (vv.19-21)
4. God's Spirit arrived because Jesus died according to God's **plan** and **rose** again in victory. (vv.22-24)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Peter responded to the crowd's confusion by opening the Scriptures. Why is it important that God's Word explains God's work? How can Christians today drift into emphasizing either the Spirit without the Word or the Word without the Spirit?
2. Read Acts 2:16-18. How is life under the New Covenant different from life under the Old Covenant (see Jer 31:31-34)? Which privilege of living with the indwelling Holy Spirit means the most to you personally?
3. Read Acts 2:17-18. How is the church described as a prophetic people—a people who know God and make Him known (see Num 11:29)? What does this look like in our lives?
4. What opportunities has God given you recently to bear witness to Christ? What fears or obstacles keep you from speaking about Him? How does His Spirit's Presence and power encourage you?
5. Read Acts 2:17-20. Peter says the coming of the Spirit marks the beginning of the "last days." Explain what it means that the last days have been inaugurated but not fulfilled, that God's kingdom is already here, but not yet fully here. How should knowing that we live in the last days shape the way we view our priorities, relationships, and future?
6. Peter reminds us that the coming of the Spirit also means the Day of the Lord is coming. How should the certainty of Christ's return produce both urgency and hope in the life of a believer (see 2 Peter 3:11-12)?
7. Read Acts 2:21. Peter identifies that "Lord" as Jesus (see Acts 2:38, 4:12). Why is Jesus' identity as both fully God and fully man essential to the gospel?
8. Acts 2:23 teaches both God's complete sovereignty and humanity's real responsibility. Why is it important to hold both truths together? How does God's sovereignty encourage you when life feels confusing or painful? (see Gen 50:20, Romans 8:28, 8:31-32, 8:37).
9. Peter says it was impossible for death to hold Jesus (Acts 2:24). Why was the resurrection necessary—not just amazing (see Rom 4:25, 1 Tim 6:15-16, John 5:26, 1 Tim 1:17)? How does Christ's resurrection give you confidence in your own salvation and future resurrection?

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— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle

