



THE CHURCH IS

Born

ACTS: 1-12

Main Point

The Holy Spirit's power is in it's presence



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

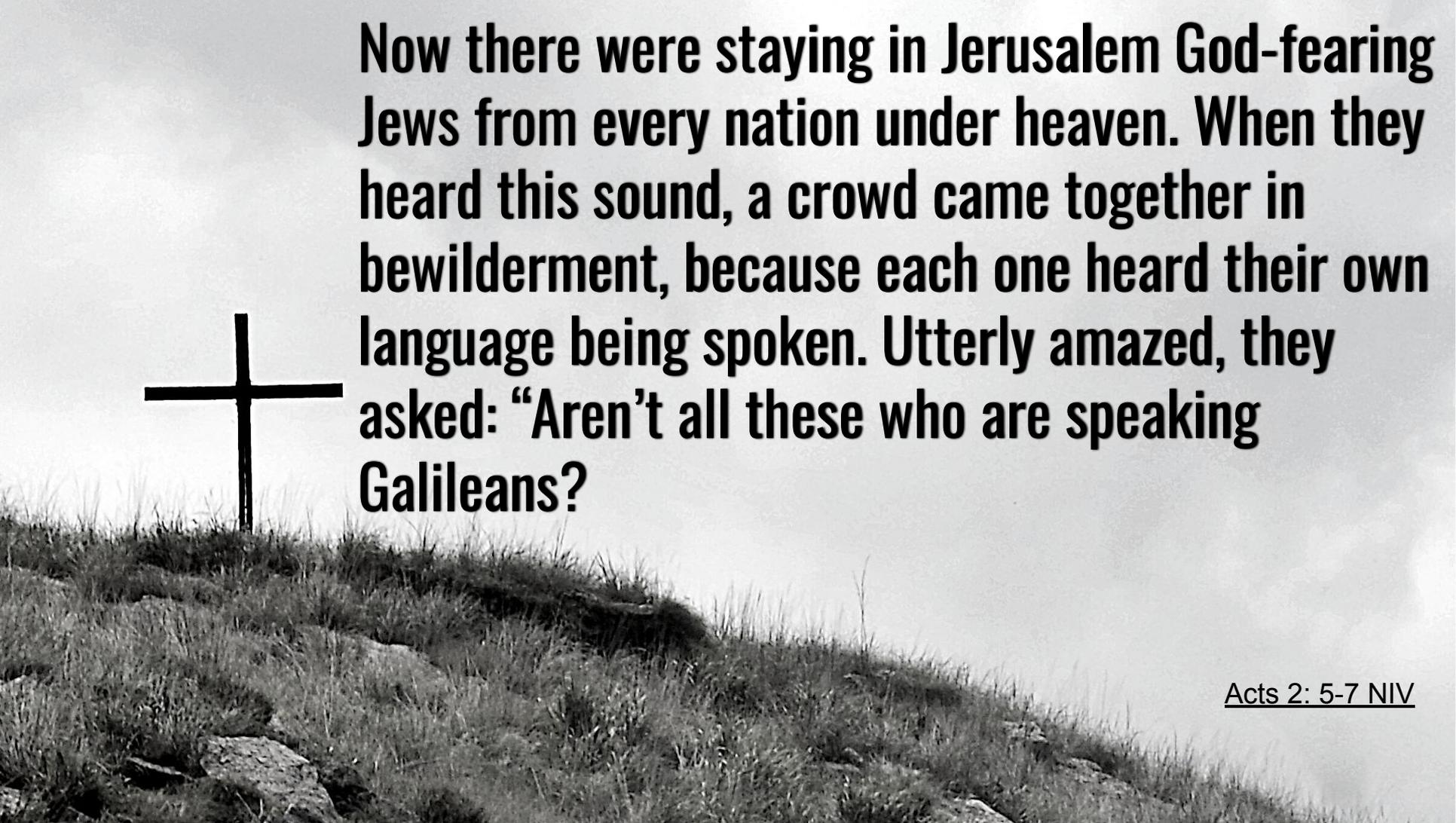


Acts 2: 1-2 NIV

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



Acts 2: 3-4 NIV

A black cross stands on a grassy hillside under a cloudy sky. The cross is simple, with a vertical post and a horizontal bar. The hillside is covered in dry, brownish grass and some rocks. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

Acts 2: 5-7 NIV



Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs, we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Acts 2: 8-11 NIV

**Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another,
“What does this mean?”**

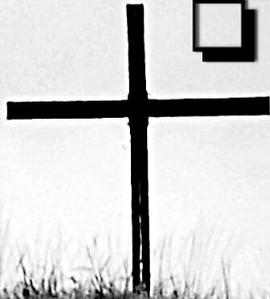
**Some, however, made fun of them and said,
“They have had too much wine.”**



Acts 2:12-13 NIV

Part 1: Experience

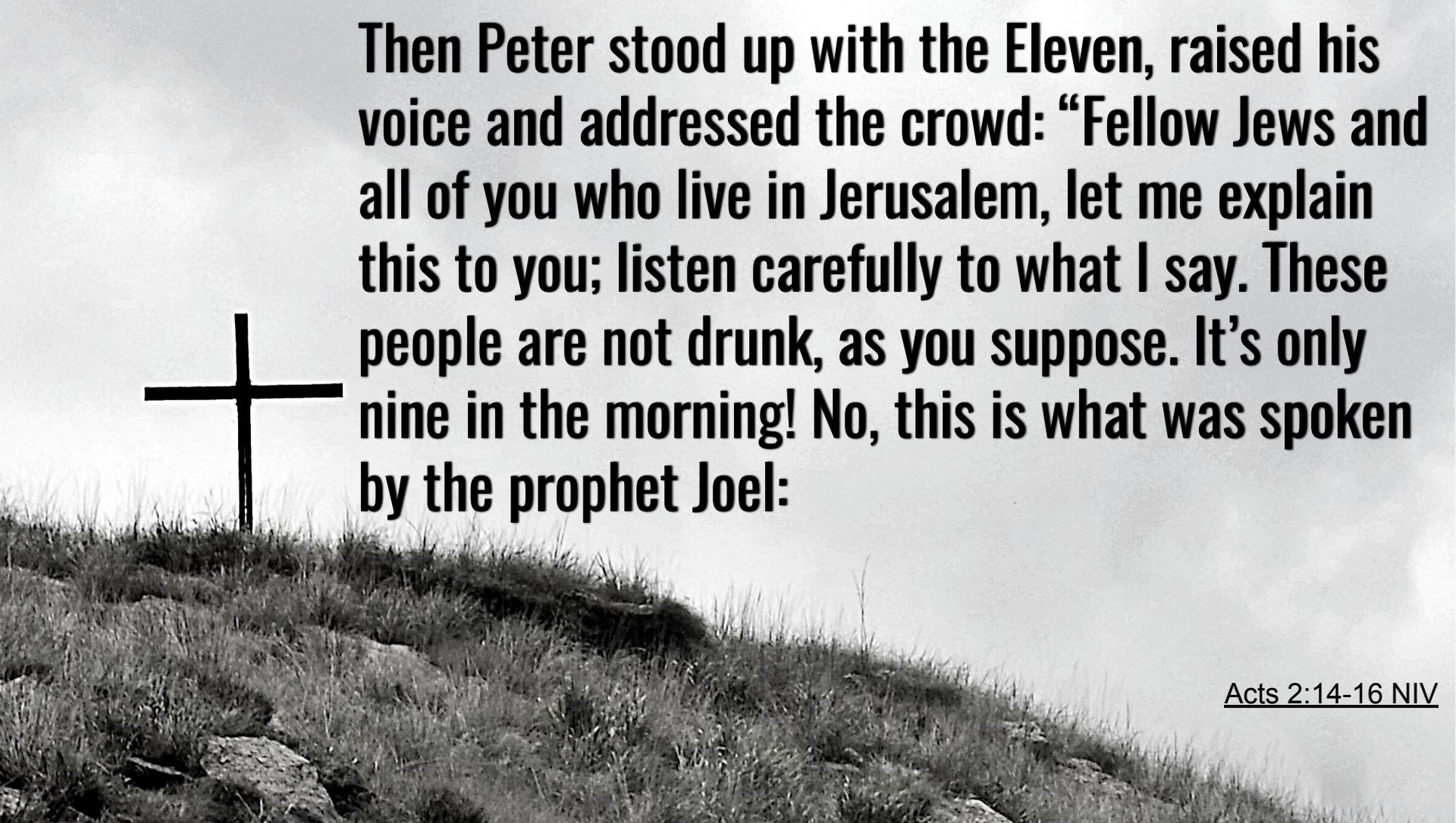
- ❑ Happened at Pentecost
- ❑ Everyone understood in their language
- ❑ New phase of ministry is starting



Part 1: Experience

- ❑ Allow yourself to experience the Holy Spirit
- ❑ Might happen in a variety of ways
- ❑ Don't manufacture or create the experience





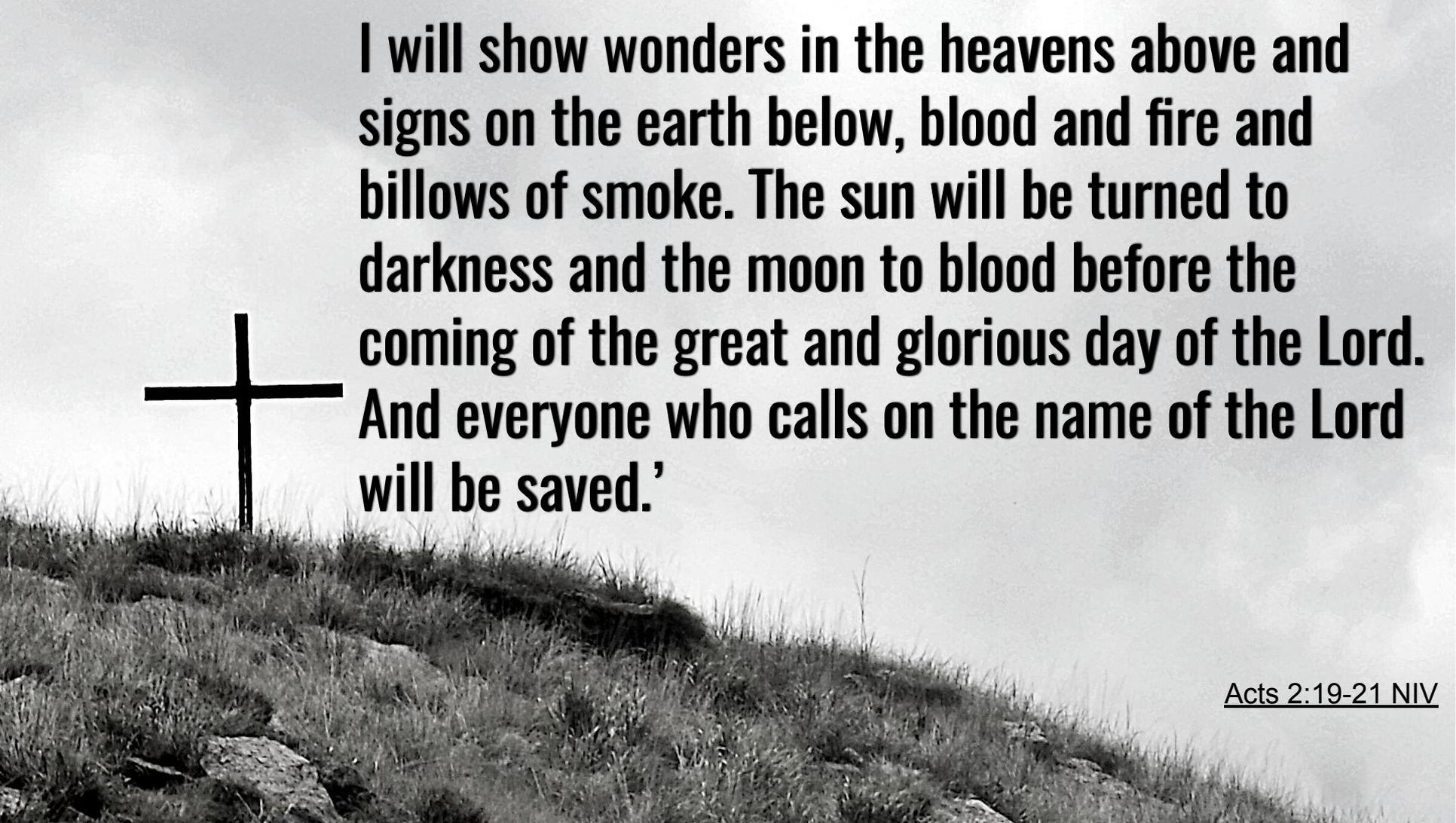
Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:14-16 NIV

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.



Acts 2:17-18 NIV

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I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Acts 2:19-21 NIV

Part 2: Explanation

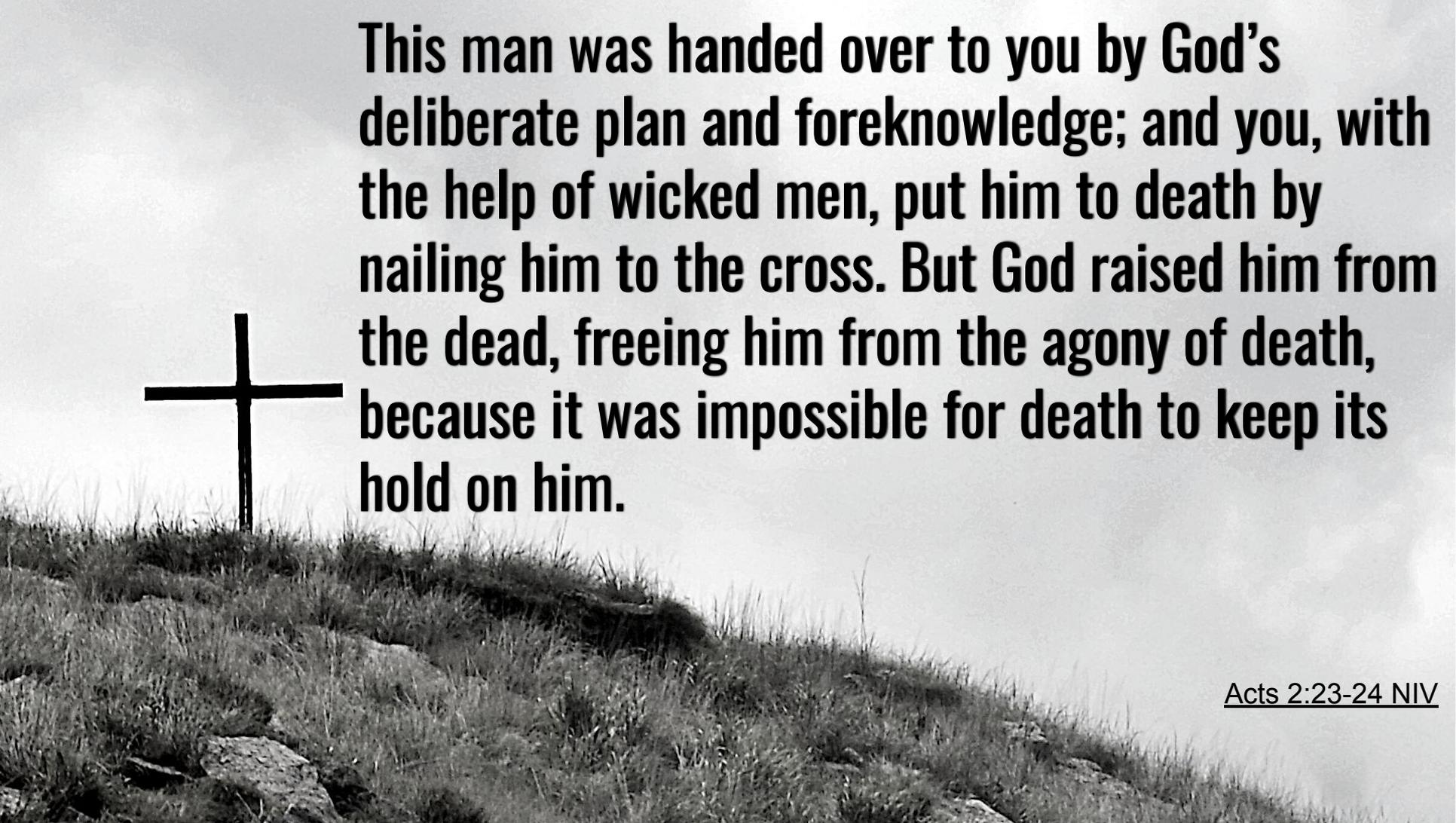
- ❑ Cites the prophet Joel
- ❑ The early church is built on followers of Jesus



“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.



Acts 2:22 NIV

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This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:23-24 NIV

David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,



Acts 2:25-26 NIV

Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.



Acts 2:27-28 NIV

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.



Acts 2:29-30 NIV

Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.



Acts 2:31-32 NIV

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand



Acts 2:33-34 NIV

Until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

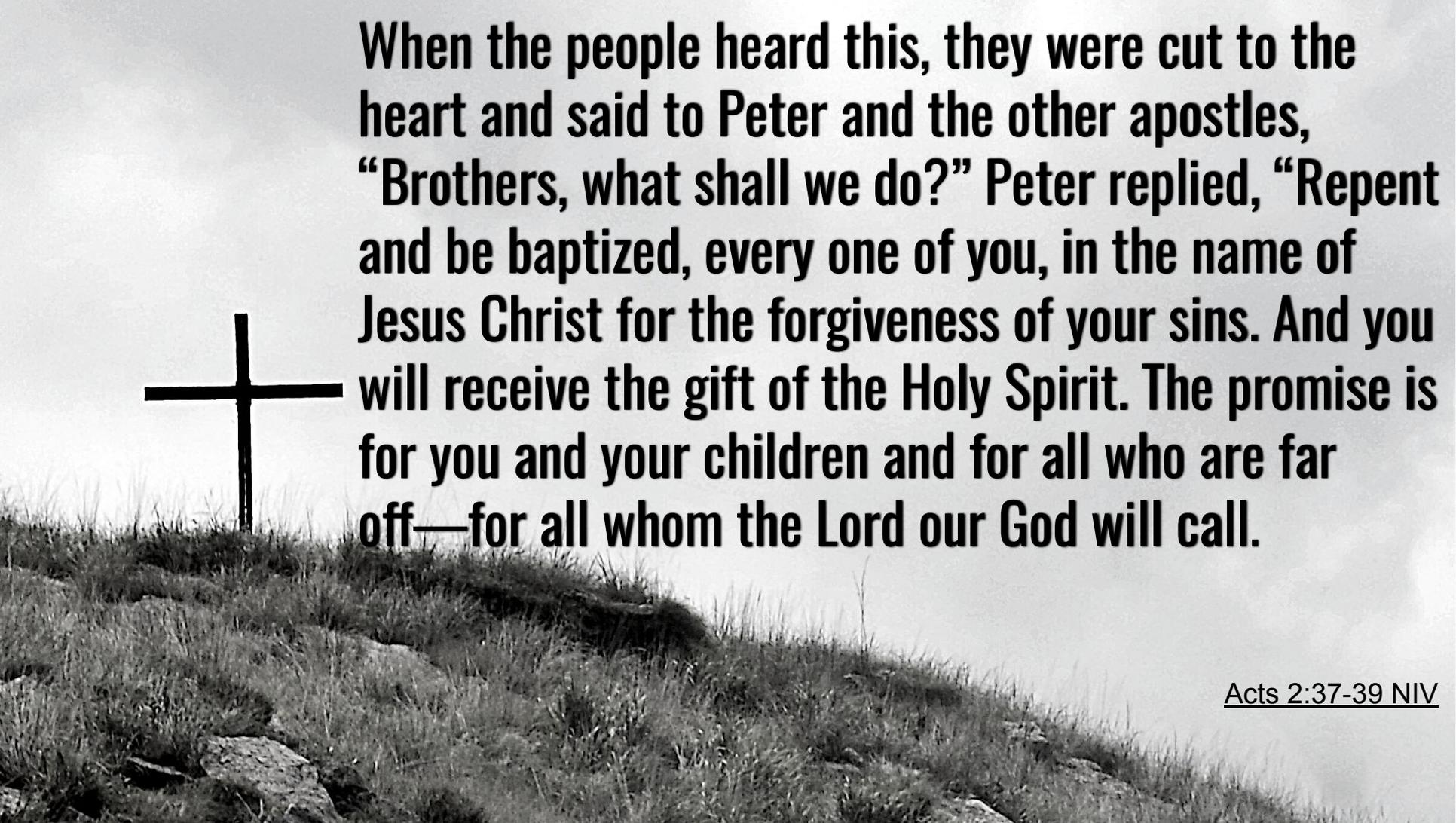


Acts 2:35-36 NIV

Part 2: Explanation

- ❑ Talks about Jesus
 - ❑ He rose from the dead
 - ❑ In relation to David
- ❑ The Spirit allows Jesus' story to be told





When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Acts 2:37-39 NIV

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



Acts 2:40-41 NIV

Part 2: Explanation

- ❑ The people should respond
- ❑ Repent and reject corruption
- ❑ Join this new community



Part 2: Explanation

- ❑ We can explain the gospel message
- ❑ The Spirit gives us the power
- ❑ Be a witness to Jesus



Part 2: Explanation

*“All word no spirit we dry up
All spirit no word we blow up
Both word and spirit we grow up”*

David Watson



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles



Acts 2:42-43 NIV

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.



Acts 2:44-45 NIV

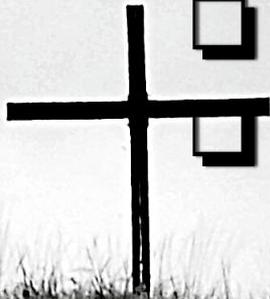
Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



Acts 2:46-47 NIV

Part 3: Embrace

- ❑ The marks of the church
 - ❑ Teaching, Fellowship, Communion, Prayer
 - ❑ Living life together
 - ❑ Open table concept



Part 3: Embrace

- ❑ Be a part of the community
 - ❑ Part of the church service
 - ❑ Share with each other



Closing

- ❑ The Holy Spirit is here
- ❑ Allow yourself to be in awe
- ❑ Have the courage to explain what you're grounded in
- ❑ Embrace the Christian community
- ❑ Lean into the power of the presence of the Holy Spirit

