

The Church in Acts

Week 2: Foundation for Mission and Community

Acts 2 ESV

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But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you, and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 ESV



Witnesses – martyrs – someone who sees an event and reports what happened.

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Acts 2 – The Birth of the Church

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1. The Coming of the Holy Spirit



When the day of **Pentecost** arrived, they
were all together in one place.

Acts 2:1 ESV

Passover - Leviticus 23:5

Unleavened Bread - Leviticus 23:6

First Fruits - Leviticus 23:10

Pentecost: Feast of Weeks - Leviticus 23:16

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty **rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **speak in other tongues** as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:2-4 ESV

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and **will be in you**.

John 14:16-17 ESV

And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us **in his own native language?**”

Acts 2:7-8 ESV

2. Peter Preaches the Message of Christ

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Acts 2:14 ESV

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will **pour out my Spirit** on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams...And it shall come to pass that **everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**’

Acts 2:17, 21 ESV

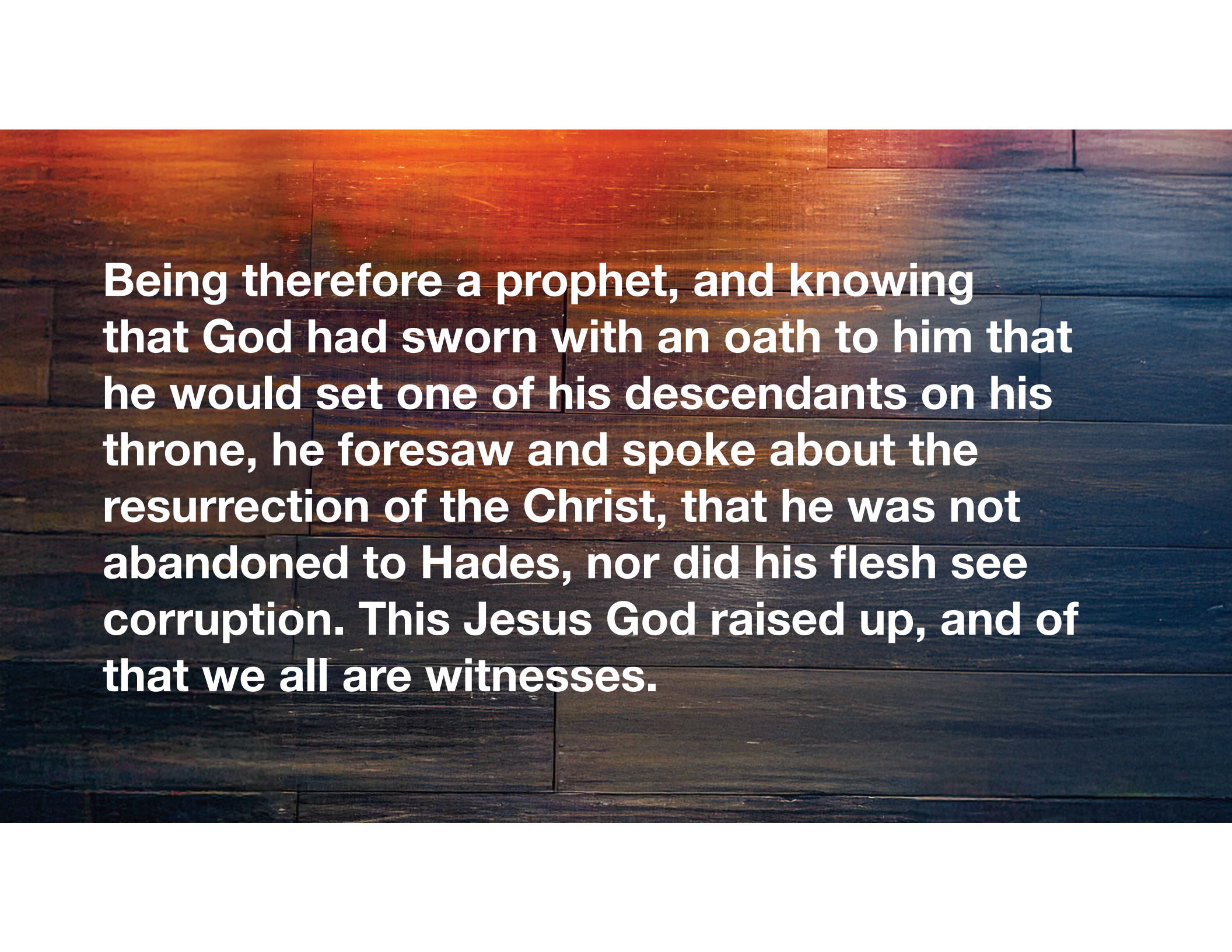
“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite **plan and foreknowledge of God**, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God **raised him up**, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:22-24 ESV



**For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.**

Acts 2:27 ESV



Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Acts 2:30-33 ESV

But now I am going to him who sent me..., it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, **I will send him to you.**

John 16:5, 7 ESV

3. Many Come to Faith in Christ

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “**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**.”

Acts 2:37-38 ESV

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**Cut to the Heart - stabbed in the core
of my being**

Repent – metanoeo – change of heart and mind that abandons former dispositions & results in a new self, new behavior and regret over former behavior and dispositions.

Baptize – baptize – momentarily immersed in water as a ceremony or initiatory rite.

“...submitting to the humiliation of baptism, which Jews regarded as necessary for Gentile converts only, and submitting to it in the name of the very person they had previously rejected.”

John Stott

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be **saved**, you and your household.”

Acts 16:30-31 ESV


4. The Church is Established

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**.

Acts 2:42 ESV

And all who believed were together and had **all things in common**. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, **as any had need**.

Acts 2:44-45 ESV

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1. Those Who have yet to Believe - What Would it Take?

2. Those Who Believe but are not Baptized - What Stands in the Way?

3. Those Who Believe but are not in Community - Take a Step.



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