

Acts 2:14-25 New Living Translation

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. **15** These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. **16** No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

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‘In the last days,’ God says,
‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

18
In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.

19
And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

20
The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.

21 But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[a]

22 “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene^[b] by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. **23** But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. **24** But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. **25** King David said this about him:

‘I see that the Lord is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

Footnotes:

- [2:17-21 Joel 2:28-32.](#)
- [2:22 Or Jesus of Nazareth.](#)

Questions:

1. Peter tells the Jews and residents of Jerusalem that these people are not drunk.

Describe in your own words what Peter says is happening according to the prophet Joel.

2. What will happen to those who call upon the name of the Lord?

3. Have you been saved? Describe what happened.

4. Was God surprised at the death of Jesus? What did God do?

5. We all will die some day. Explain how you can have eternal life.