## THE RESURRECTED JESUS SENDS HIS SPIRIT - Acts 2:1-21

#### 030721A INTRODUCTION

1. Luke's writing style: narrative & summaries. 3 sermons summarized: Ptr in A2; Paul in A13, A26 & A17. We are tracing theme of Jesus' resurrection.

2. <u>A 2:1-21</u> [next time v22ff]

# 1st: The Resurrected Jesus and the Baptism of the Spirit

- 1. Unprecedented pivot from OCov to NCov in the resurrection of Jesus who sends His promised Spirit as the epitome blessing of the NCov.
- 2. The bapt of HS 6x in NT, JnB 4x re: Jesus [Mt 3:11; Mrk 1:8; Lk 3:16; Jn 1:33] 1x by J [A 1:5] & 1x by Ptr recalling the words of J [A11:16].
  - i. <u>A 1:3-5</u> Jesus reminds of JnB & prophesies of impending bapt w/ HS.
  - ii. 1C 12:13 speaks of us being *baptized into one body by the Spirit* this is not "the baptism of the Spirit" which occurred on Pentecost as part of the complex of redemptive historical events connected with the resurrection of Jesus. ["historia salutis" not "ordo salutis" Rm 8:30]
  - iii. Bapt of HS signals that Jesus is enthroned as Lord & Christ [v36].

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- 3. Lk 3:16 will bapt you w/fire? JnB did not see fire of judgment wondered if Jesus was the One [Lk 7:20]. Does Pentecost fulfill this prophesy?
  - i. A2:2-3 tongues of fire. Fire: holiness; God's presence; wind [Jn 3]; noise crowd: heard words in his own language: = reversal of Tower of Babel wh/ scattered nations now nations are gathered to Christ.
    - a. Languages understood by hearers who heard them speaking of the mighty deeds of God [A2:11].
    - b. Luke gives Ptr as example: proclaims Jesus' resurrection as King.

### 2nd: The Resurrected Jesus and the Last Days

- 1. v12 what does this mean? Joel 2:28-32. the last [latter] days [v17].
  - i. Joel 2:28 & other OT texts re: last days Hos 3:5; Isa 2:2-3.
  - ii. Gospel goes from Jerusalem to nations, calls peoples into God's house.
  - iii. Coming of HS on all nations indicates that the last days has begun
    - a. Recall "prophetic perspective". Ptr's citation of Joel 2 contains thgs wh/ are "not yet" end of the world events.
    - b. Also the "already" HS is sent; prophetic speech; darkness of Calvary & now everyone who calls will be saved. [Rm 10:13]
- 2. Ptr announces the arrival of *the last days* w/ the resurrection of Jesus proclaimed from Ps 16;  $2\text{Sam 7 \& Ps 110 -> } \underline{v32-33}$

### Applic #1: We Must Define the Bible's Language Biblically

- 1. Have you sought the so-called "Bapt of HS"? I have. The *baptism of the HS* is biblically defined & seen in A2.
- 2. D.A.Carson: "A text w/o a context is a pretext for a prooftext" Use verses for an agenda alien to the biblical text.
- 3. We must know the words/phrases used in Bible & define them as they are used in Bible. They are living words of truth that reveal Jesus: the truth.
- 4. Please: define Bible's language biblically. Be Berean-minded & search Scripts & see if it is so. Cf. truncated use of <u>A2:39</u>. "Context is king"

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- 1. Word of God, empowered by the Spirit of the enthroned Jesus, functions as a main character in the story of Acts. The Triune God is working. The Son exalted by the Father sends His Spirit Trinitarian salvation.
- 2. Do not pursue an experience of the Spirit wh/ is not united to the exalted Son who continues to do the will of the Father: Hb 12:1-2; Col 3:1-3

# Applic #3: We Are Living in the Day of Salvation

- 1. <u>A 2:21</u> Why?
- 2. Promises to Abraham rooted in Gn 3:15 promised Seed.
- 3. <u>2C 6:2</u> Paul cites Isa 49 *behold, now is the day of salvation.*
- 4. And so it begins... salvation to the ends of the earth in this, the day of salvation. Do not live in this glorious time in redemptive history & not call upon the name of the Lord to be saved! Jesus is risen. It is the day of salvation! Call upon His name!