

I. Peter the preacher (v. 14-16)

- A. The one who denied Christ became a bold witness

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)

- B. The fisherman with no training became powerful preacher

II. The prophecy fulfilled (v. 17 & 18)

- A. The Holy Spirit given marks the beginning of the last days

- B. The Holy Spirit was poured out on all people

- C. The Holy Spirit gives people clear reception of God’s truth

“This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.” (1 Corinthians 2:13)

- D. The Holy Spirit gives people anointed ability to share God’s truth

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:31)

III. The prophecy to be fulfilled (v. 19-20)

- A. Jesus, the Messiah will return to earth

“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

- B. Preceding his return will be traumatic events

IV. The hope for all people (v. 21)

- A. Salvation is available in the name of Jesus

- B. Salvation must be received by faith

- C. Salvation is for all people

“This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

V. The evidence that Jesus is the Messiah (v. 22-24)

- A. The evidence of his humanity

“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – the gospel promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures, regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David.” (Romans 1:1-3)

B. The evidence of his miracles

“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:30-31)

C. The evidence of his fulfillment of the plan of God

“He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.” (1 Peter 1:20-21)

D. The evidence of his sacrificial death

E. The evidence of his resurrection from the dead

“And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 1:4)