

WELCOME TO THE REVOLUTION

Acts 1:1-5:10

Risk

What are some of the riskiest things you've done?

1,985 years ago ...

- The very first Christians
- Jesus had just left them (Acts 1:1-11, March 22)
- The Holy Spirit had just arrived (Acts 1:12-2:13, March 29)
- Crucifixion → Resurrection → Ascension → Pentecost

Now what? (Acts 2:14-41)

1. "let me explain"

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:

"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."

1. God is always active. Will I recognize him?

2. "impossible for death"

"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. 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."



2. Jesus was raised from the dead. Do I believe in God's power?

3. "Holy Spirit has poured out"

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3. Following Jesus can be unpredictable. Do I trust God?

4. "Lord and Messiah"

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

4. Jesus trumps everyone and everything. Am I "all in" with Jesus?

5. "what shall we do?"

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

5. Jesus requires a response. What will I do?

6. "Repent and be baptized"

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."

- "Repent" = change of life's direction (sin, forgiveness, life-change)
- "Baptism" = physical expression of a spiritual reality (death to life)
- In 1978 ...

6. Baptism declares "I follow Jesus". Will I identify myself with Jesus?

7. "three thousand were added"

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.

7. Thousands responded to Jesus. Will I respond today?

I FOLLOW JESUS