

It Begins

No story matters more than the story of Jesus

Acts 2.14-21

The story of Jesus is The Story of all of Scripture, the Old and the New. It is the story of salvation.

Everything Points To Jesus

The first sharing of the story of Jesus since Jesus left.

14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

The Apostles, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, saw their Scripture, the Old Testament, as pointing and progressing to Jesus. He fulfilled it, completely.

This Is That

**17 ‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says,
‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,**

And your young men shall see visions,

**And your old men shall dream dreams;
18 Even on My bondslaves, both men and women,**

I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit

And they shall prophesy.

**19 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above
And signs on the earth below,
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.
20 'The sun will be turned into darkness**

And the moon into blood,

Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.

It is the unanimous conviction of the New Testament authors that Jesus inaugurated the last days or Messianic age, and that the final proof of this was the outpouring of the Spirit, since this was the Old Testament promise of promises for the end-time. This being so, we must be careful not to re-quote Joel's prophecy as if we are still awaiting its fulfillment, or even as if its fulfillment has been only partial, and we await some future and complete fulfillment. For this is not how Peter understood and applied the text. The whole Messianic era, which stretches between the two comings of Christ, is the age of the Spirit in which his ministry is one of abundance

Peter says, "This is That."

The Story Of Salvation

21 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Everything comes down to Jesus, that is why his story, the Gospel, matters.

We can trust Jesus and we can share Jesus because of the working of the Holy Spirit.

God always intended salvation to be available for everyone.

Ultimately, the Old Testament points to Jesus and the New Testament tells the story of Jesus. And all of this is so we might be saved.