



# THE SETTING

Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit empowers believers, as promised (Acts 1:8).

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, begins to preach – and it's not a feel-good sermon.



BUT GOD...

HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Acts 2:22-24

VS. 22

Jesus, accredited by God (see also 2:36), testified to who He was by the works He did. (Water into wine, healing the sick, cursing a fig tree, raising a widow's son, evicting demons, pulling tax money from a fish, feeding thousands with a sack lunch, etc.)

“No one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” John 3:2

Consider Matt. 11:1-6



VS. 23

“God’s set purpose and foreknowledge”

See Isa. 53:4-6, 10

This did not absolve the wicked who carried it out

(See also Matt. 26:24)



“you... put him to death by nailing Him to a cross.”

Hit the pause button a moment...

The death of Messiah is on you and me.  
Indeed, “it was MY sin that held him there...”

Again Isa. 53; Rom. 3:9-26

VS. 24

“BUT GOD raised him from the dead...”

Imagine the despair had the story ended in vs. 23.  
“You had your Rescue – the Lord of glory - right there  
in your very presence. And you killed Him.”

Ahhh...BUT GOD

See Matt. 27:62 – 28:10

# SOME REALITIES TO GRASP 'BECAUSE HE LIVES'

For those who are in Christ:

- Our redemption is secure 1 Pet. 1:18-19
- We have power to live holy and godly lives Rom. 8:11
- We live in glorious hope 1 Cor. 15:12-20