

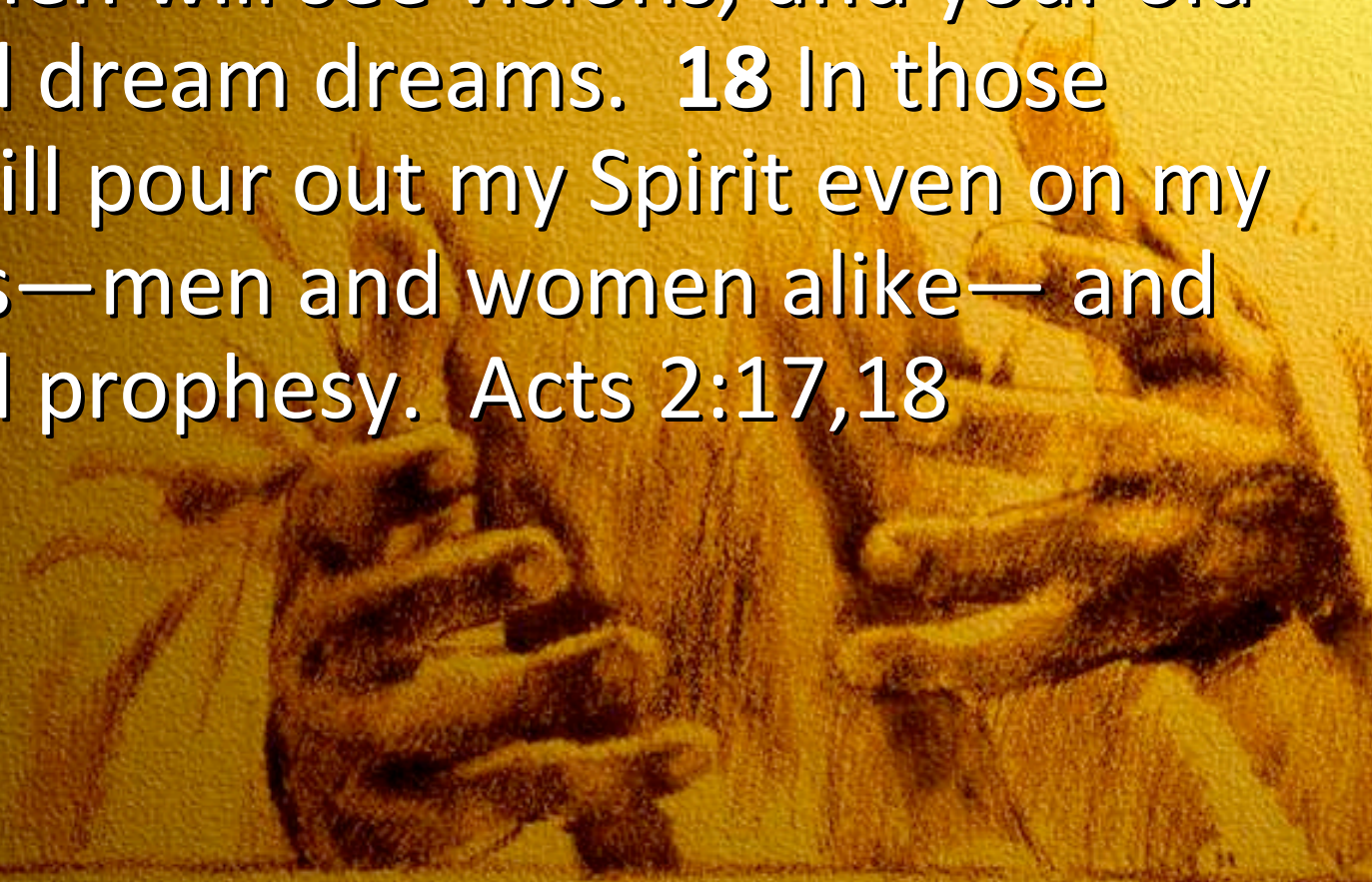


The story, power and purpose of the Church.



*...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE
AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9*

‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. **18** In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. Acts 2:17,18



And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below— blood and fire and clouds of smoke. **20** The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. **21** But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Acts 2:19-21



Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.

Romans 5:18,19

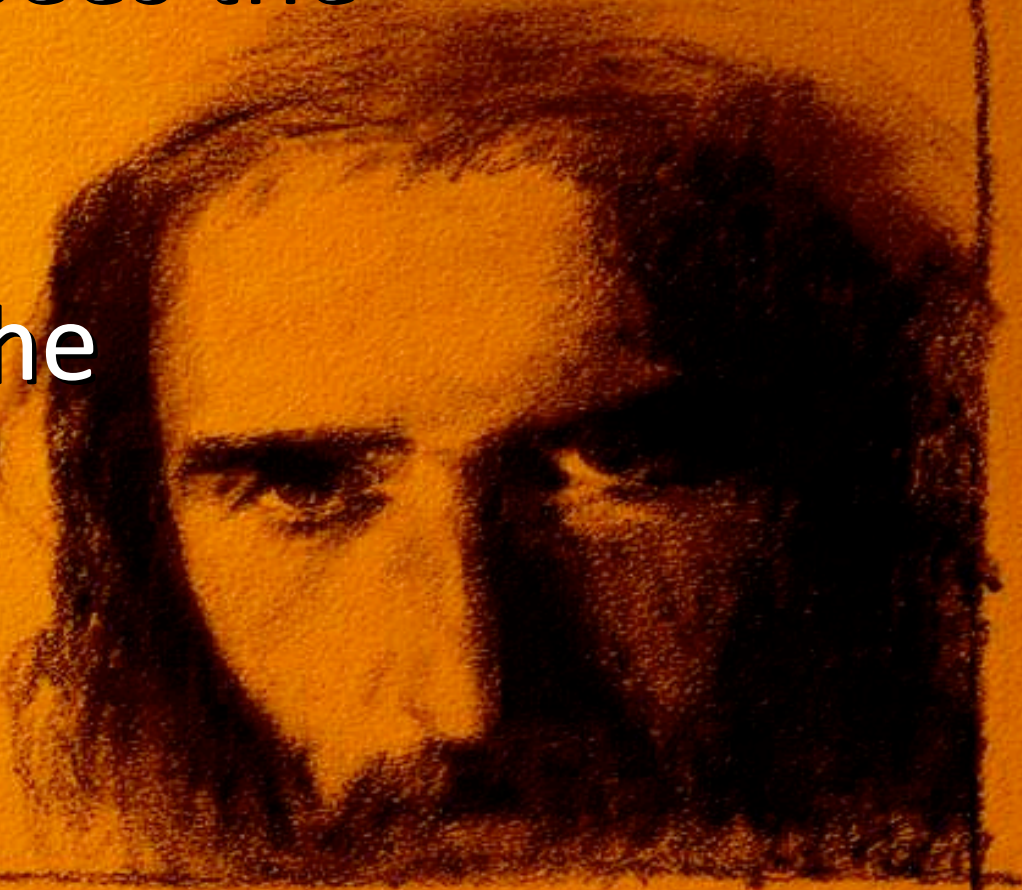
the life and ministry of Jesus

God publicly endorsed
"Jesus of Nazareth,"
by doing powerful
miracles, wonders,
and signs through
him. Acts 2:22

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing.

Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

John 5:19




Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God. Philippians 2:6-8



What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

1 John 3:2,3 Message

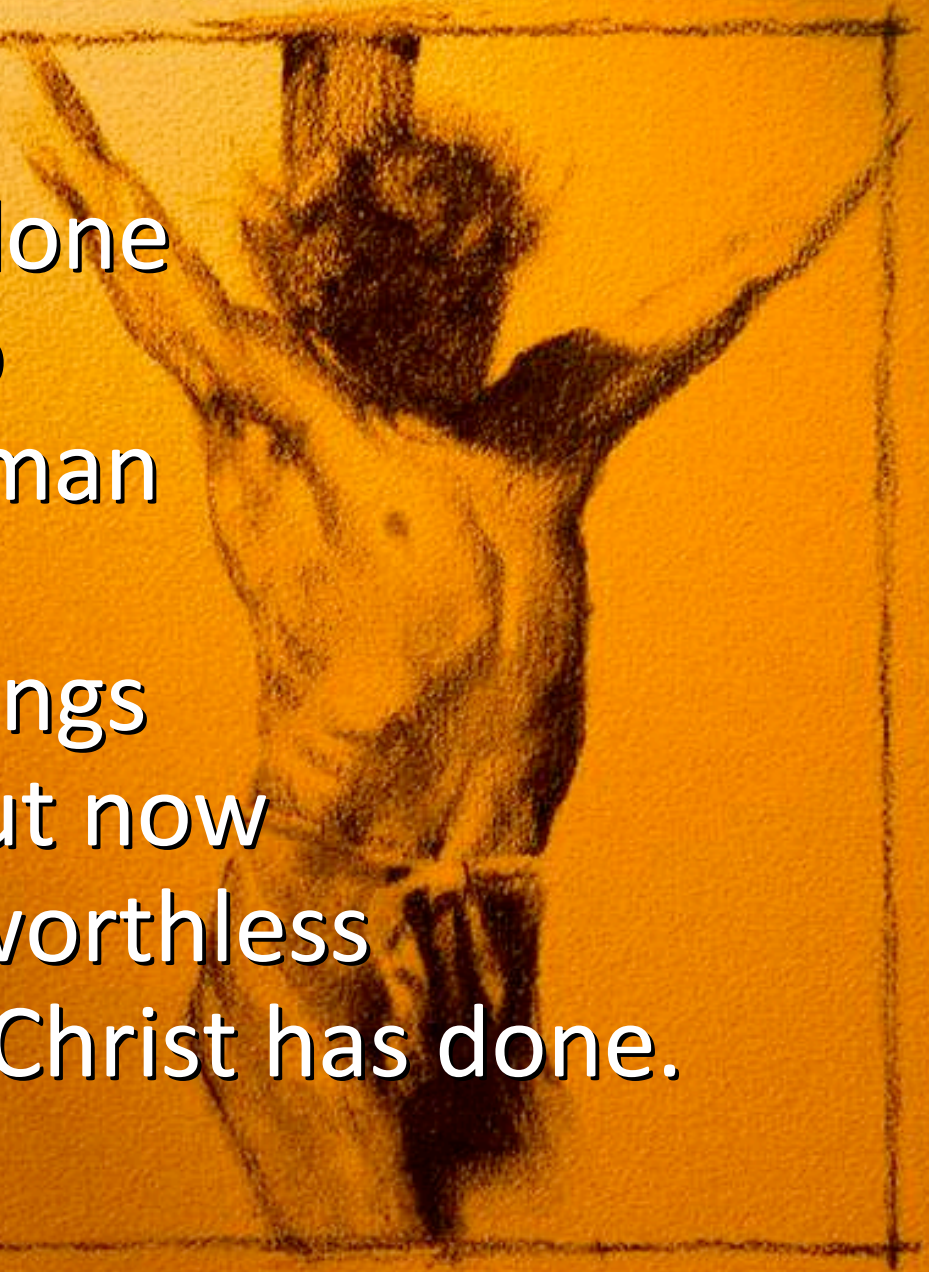


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Acts 2:23

We rely on what
Christ Jesus has done
for us. We put no
confidence in human
effort, ...⁷ I once
thought these things
were valuable, but now
I consider them worthless
because of what Christ has done.
Philippians 3:3,7



I have discovered this principle
of life—that when I want to do
what is right, I inevitably do what
is wrong. Romans 7:21





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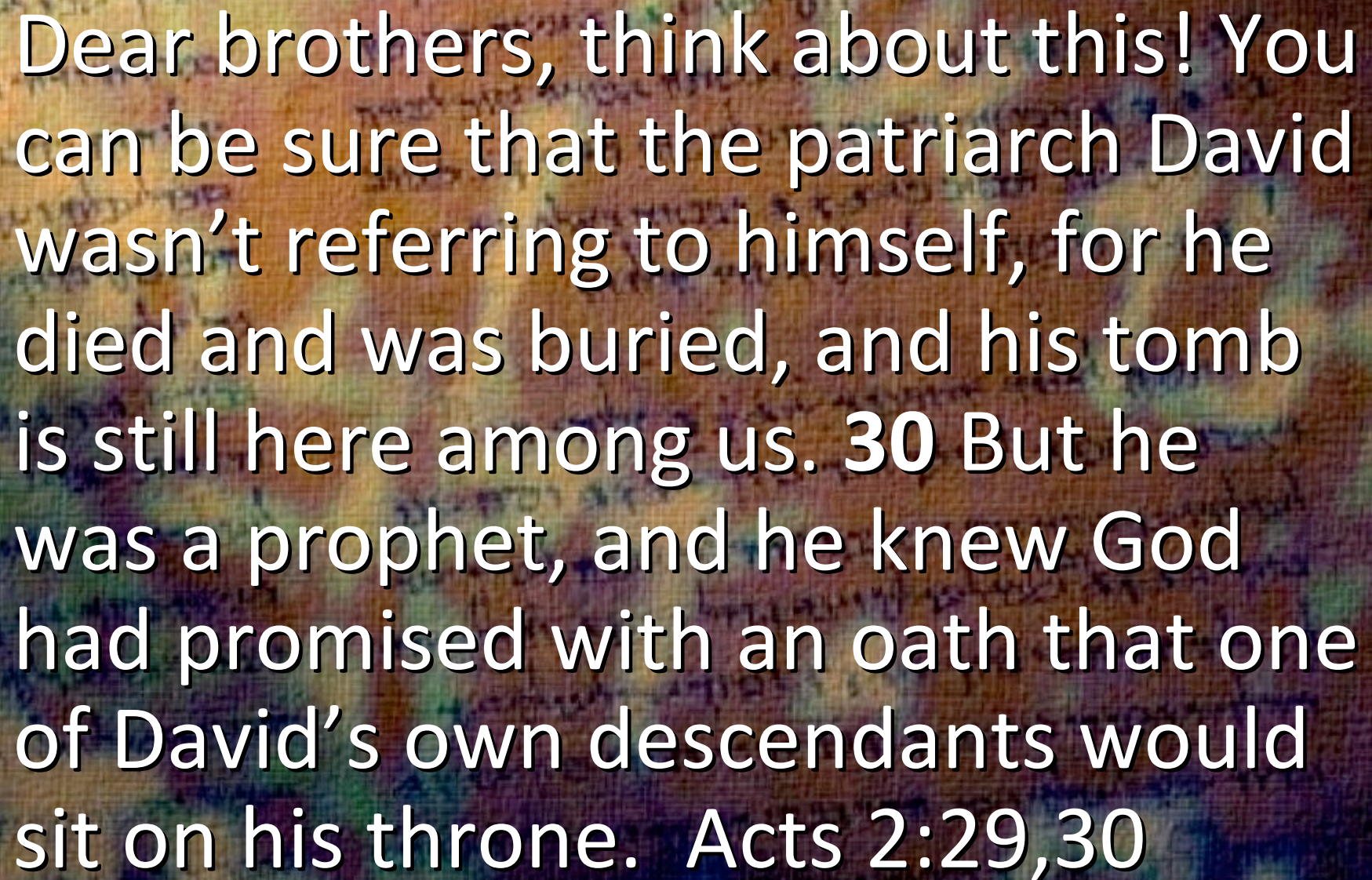
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resurrection:**

But God released him
from the horrors of
death and raised him
back to life, for death
could not keep him in
its grip. Acts 2:24

Peter quoting Psalm 16

‘I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 26 No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. 27 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave. 28 You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’

Act 2:25-28



Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. **30** But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. Acts 2:29,30

31 David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave. **32** God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.

Acts 2:31, 32

33 Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

Acts 2



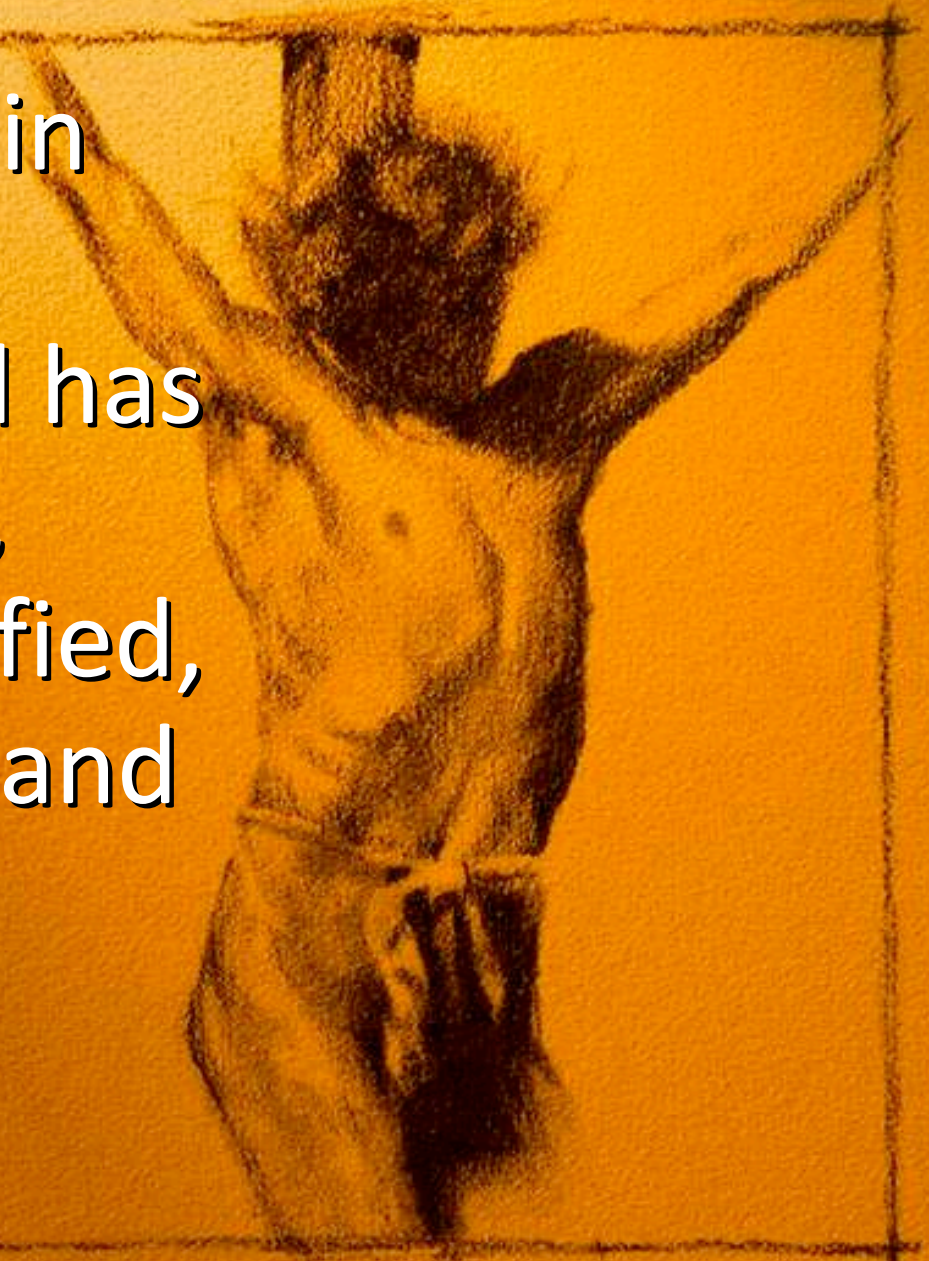
Peter quoting Psalm 110

34 For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit in the place of honor at my right hand 35 until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'

Acts 2:34,35

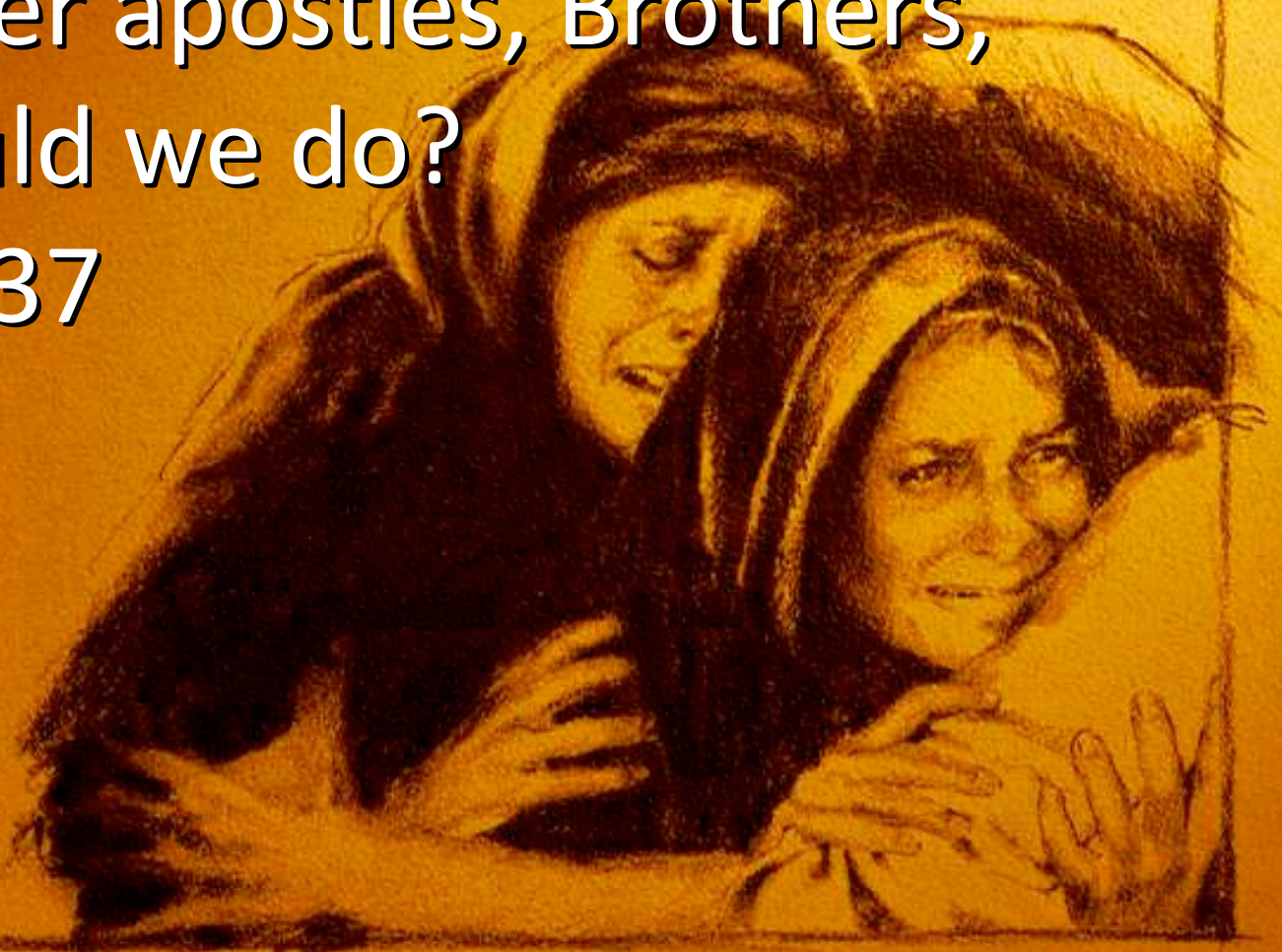
So let everyone in
Israel know for
certain that God has
made this Jesus,
whom you crucified,
to be both Lord and
Messiah!

Acts 2:36



Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, Brothers, what should we do?

Acts 2:33-37



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What is the Spirit going to do to the church?

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 16:8

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38



39 This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God. **40** Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, save yourselves from this crooked generation!

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.



