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33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ...

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

Acts 2:32,33,36

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 2:37-39

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:40,41



"We can't stop these Christians. The reason they're so popular is the Jews take care of the Jewish poor. The Greeks take care of the Greek poor. The Romans take care of the Roman poor. The Christians take care of them all."

Roman Emperor Julian



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“The more one examines the various factors which seem to account for the extraordinary victory of Christianity the more one is driven to search for a cause underlying them all.”

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“It is clear that at the very beginning of Christianity there must have occurred a vast release of energy virtually unequalled in history. Without it the future course of the religion is inexplicable.”

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"Why this occurred may lie outside the realm in which modern historians are supposed to move."



Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:2-4



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“When the spirit comes into the world he will convict the world of sin and righteousness.” John 16:8



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“...after he was risen from the dead, he appeared to scores of people. He appeared at one point to 500 people at once.

1 Corinthians 15:6



23 ...the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”

Acts 26: 23,24



²⁵“I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable.

²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.

Acts 26: 25,26





Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:60-62





I am sending you to Jesse who lives in Bethlehem, because I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

1 Samuel 16:1



When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab, and he thought, “Surely the Lord has appointed this person standing here before him.”⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:6,7





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Acts 2:38

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**“Everyone who calls
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Romans 10:13





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