

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 2 14-36



Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
Psalm 40:5

## **Praising:**

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified;  
he sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

## **Reading:**

Acts 2:14-36  
The first Christian sermon

In the first rush of Spiritual power, Peter commands the attention of the festival crowds to preach what amounts to the first Christian sermon. Peter's audience is Jewish, so he speaks right into their cultural identity and ethnic self-understanding. Peter weaves through quotations from the prophet Joel and the book of Psalms. He then makes a direct connection between their religious expectations of the

Messiah and the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ – and the Pentecostal coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is not just the earthly Messiah foretold in Scripture, he is also the Lord of heaven and earth. The tombs of the House of David were a notable landmark in Jerusalem at that time and Peter fearlessly lays all that history and lineage before his listeners and says that in Christ, everything has now been fulfilled.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we pray for those who preach and for those who listen

- that your truth would be proclaimed boldly, lovingly and relevantly
- that your message would be received gratefully, humbly and obediently
- that your good news would continue to melt hearts and transform lives

Father: I ask for fresh expectation, that when it comes to your word I would have the ears to hear and the will to heed what you are saying to me. However hard. Amen

## **Doing:**