

“People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.” Acts 2:22 NLT

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Peter gets his gift on! Not only does Pete come out swinging for the fences - he hits one home run after another. He lays it out with truth. He says, God endorsed Jesus and verified him with the miracles he performed. Then, he adds, “as you well know.” There were about 3000 people that had gathered to hear Peter’s inaugural sermon after being restored by Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. That means this little phrase, “as you well know.” was experienced by all those witnesses of those miracles at one time or another in their community. Then Peter lays out how Jesus died at their hands (using the gentiles, which should have plainly painful to hear). He makes it real personal by saying YOU nailed him to a cross and killed him! That should have been riotous, but it wasn’t. Instead it yielded repentance! Shouldn’t truth do that? Shouldn’t it enlist repentance and not a riot? These folks listening BELIEVED, were SAVED and were BAPTIZED! A well timed, Holy Spirit inspired message can bring enormous personal change from time to time. This was one of them.

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Dad,

I’m willing to be used to deliver messages that are well timed, Holy Spirit empowered to have people see the truth, and in repentance, respond to the truth. Who killed Jesus? We all did!

It was for my sin, our sin that he went to the cross... willingly.

And, that message is freedom, hope and joy for our present and future life. Help me bold in that proclamation and passion to my

friends, family and neighbors!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root