

Following Jesus In A Time Of Trials

A Time of Transition

- Acts 1:6-11 – Jesus Ascends
- Peter takes charge 12-26
- 2:1-4 – The coming of the Spirit
- 2:5-13 – A BIGGER mandate - Join Jesus (see 21)
- 2:17-21 – The fulfilment of Prophecy – Joel 2:28-32
- Guilt by association – 2:36 – Who crucified Jesus?
- The repentance of souls – 2:37-41 Recognition of guilt, repentance, outward demonstration, fullness of Spirit
- Fellowship of the Believers - 42-47

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- 3:1-10 – Presence and power of God demonstrated
- 11- 26 A opportunity to glorify God and call for repentance
- 4:1-3 - A demonstration of the presence and power of God will always result in a Spiritual challenge
- God was at work. About 5000 men repented and believed
- When on trial, trust the Spirit to lead. 7-12 direct speech
- When the Spirit leads, they will recognize you have been with Jesus – 13
- Authorities will threaten, but the Spirit overflows-19-20

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- An Anti-Christ culture will try to control our speech and freedoms -18,21
- A Christ focused heart cannot be contained -19-20
- The response of God's children to threats of violence is prayer and praise. 23-31
- Realize who God is. Focus on the Saviour, not situation 24
- Recognize the situation – 26-28
- Request His power and revelation of presence 29-30
- Anticipate His empowering - 31

Thriving In Trial

1. Recognize our need
 - Our country is galloping away from God
 - Catholic schools, Public schools celebrating Pride Month
 - Groups advocating for the mutilation of Children
2. Do not be afraid
3. Look to Jesus
 - Acts 4
 - Heb.12:1-2 - Minimize the Spiritual Baggage
 - Its an endurance run, not a sprint
 - Focus on the goal