

“This is That”

Luke 24; Acts 2

Theme:

The Events of Pentecost are a continuation of the ONE STORY begun in GENESIS and ENDING in JESUS. What He said would happen has [Death, Burial, Resurrection] and what has not yet happened will [Holy Spirit]. PENTECOST is a time for us to reflect on the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit as a consequence of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus. These “appointed times” call us to shake off the dust of this world that settles on us and realign ourselves to the greater *Story* written by God. God has a global vision and immediate mission. We are a part of this unfolding. We would do well to remember who we are in light of who He is and keep our responsibilities reflecting these things.

Introduction:

My desire is to connect Luke 24 with Acts 1, 2. Let us remember how Luke walks us through four scenes over a forty day period assuring His troubled disciples that **what He said would happen has and what has not yet happened will**. I would like to pick up the story from the “upper room” in Luke 24:33-49. We can see the movement when we compare Luke 24 and Acts 1.

Outline:

- I. It is a CULMINATION (Acts 1:1, 16)
 - His *Story* | Their/Our *Story* (Luke 24:44-46; Acts 2:1-4, 14-36)
- II. It is a DECLARATION (Acts 2:36)
 - His Vision | Their/Our Vision (vv. 47, 48 [all the nations])
- III. It is an AUTHORIZATION (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8)
 - His Mission | Their/Our Mission (v. 48)
 - His Gift [Promise] | Their/Our Gift [Promise] (v. 49 [A departing gift])
- IV. It is a CELEBRATION (Acts 2:37-47)

The church goes “bonkers.” Let us not, however, paint a romantic picture of what this early church looked like. Think Acts 5, James, Galatians, and 1, 2 Corinthians.

Luke simply follows the storyline of the Bible. What we now read of and are currently experiencing in the fulfillment of God’s promises to do exactly what He intended to do.

Shepherding the Sheep: (What's Next?)

Can you see this? Every persecuted church we pray for is a celebration of God's ongoing advancement in the world. You and I are not living in defeat, but victory. It looks differently than we would expect, but this victory is no less true.

To the unbelieving: you need to accept Jesus as Lord and Christ. Unless and until you do this you cannot be saved from your sin and death.