

Pentecost Explained –
Master and Messiah

Acts 2:32-39



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- Hear it spoken first in **Acts 2:12 NIV** What does it mean?
- But it is implied throughout, not just these scriptures, but the entire Word of God
- You hear it implied after God answers Gideon's second fleece test, "What does this mean?"

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- You hear it implied after Moses throws down the rod and it becomes a snake, then returns to a rod, “What does this mean?”
- You also sense it after Paul is confronted by Jesus on the Damascus road and blinded, “What does this mean?”

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- We take so much care into understanding the words and context God has left for us, as we should
 - But do we ask, “What is it teaching?”
- But His Word will never touch our soul or our daily lives until we consistently ask and answer the question, “What does this mean?”

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- **Deuteronomy 4:29 NIV** But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

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- It means each of us has been empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the glory of God using whatever gift/opportunity He has given us
- It means that there is an acceptable payment for our sin debt as the perfect man died on the cross in my place

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- It means that it is impossible for death to keep ahold of Him or us proven by His resurrection
- When you look at the entirety of these events there is still a couple more responses to, “What does it mean?”

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- **Acts 2:32-36 NIV** 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 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. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

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- **Acts 2:32-36 NIV** 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”
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 - The Amplified Bible calls Jesus here both, Lord and Christ

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 - Revelation calls Jesus the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
 - But what does this mean? How should I respond?

Proverbs 14:27 NLT Fear of the Lord is a life-giving fountain; it offers escape from the snares of death.

- What brings refreshing life to our dry, sinful lives?
 - It is a healthy respect for God's position and authority in our lives as Master, Lord, King of Kings
 - **Proverbs 9:10 NLT** Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

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- What does it mean for Jesus to be MY Master, Lord, King of Kings?
- What does it mean to fear Him?
- We like the Messiah, Christ, because He did something for us that we could not do ourselves
- But what about Master, Lord, King of Kings

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- We are at some disadvantage here because we have never lived under a Master, Lord or King
- We in this country give authority to those we vote into office
- If we don't like what they do or declare we can always vote them out next time
- But what does it mean for Jesus to be Master, Lord and King?

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- With all the upheaval over the past few weeks: Jesus Christ is the ruler of all Kings, presidents, dictators, governors, mayors, every authority on earth
- Imagine if President Donald Trump or Speaker Nancy Pelosi said to Jesus, “How can you be the ruler over me? I have my office by election of the people of the United States, a sovereign nation.”

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- Jesus would say, “I have my office as ruler over you by God’s election and by virtue of my resurrection from the dead, my indestructible life and my installment at God’s right hand.”
 - That’s what we call a real trump card

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- When Jesus arose from the dead, God exalted him and gave Him a “name above all name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and confess Jesus is Lord”
- **Matthew 28:18 NIV** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
- What does this mean?

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- Jesus is alive and presiding from heaven over all of creation including every form of authority of this earth
- That's what David meant in **Psalms 110:1 NLT** The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet."

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- **Matthew 16:16-18 NIV** 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it

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- **Romans 8:35-39 NIV** 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

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- **Romans 8:35-39 NIV** 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Wonderful words, but “What does it mean?”

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- If anyone should have known the fear of God, it was the Israelites
- Look at the power God demonstrated in bringing them out of Egypt
- When the death angel passed over the Israelites on Passover

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- When God parted the Red Sea, letting his people pass through without harm
- As that same sea swallowed up the Egyptian army in pursuit

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- But we see the nation of Israel continually forgetting their deliverer and suffer from chronic unbelief?
Why?
- They did not believe God was good and could be trusted

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- In **The Chronicles of Narnia**, an allegory by C.S. Lewis, the author has two girls, Susan and Lucy, getting ready to meet Aslan the lion, who represents Christ. Two talking animals, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, prepare the children for the encounter. "Ooh," said Susan, "I thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

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- "That you will, dearie." said Mrs. Beaver. "And make no mistake, if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knee's knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."
- "Then isn't he safe?" said Lucy. "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Of course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the king, I tell you!"

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- If we are not secure in the goodness of God, we will be just like the nation of Israel when life gets hard and threatening
- It feels and looks like God has abandoned us so let's erect a golden calf in His place
- We will complain when life gets hard and it is easier to give up our freedom and go back to our old lifestyle of slavery

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- We will not believe He has promised us the Promised Land so we will refuse to take the step of faith into it because of perceived giants
- Beth Hart, “I’m scared to change and scared to stay the same.”
- Yes, God is big, scary and powerful, but unlike all the other gods of the nations, He is also lowly, humble, compassionate, loving, forbearing and personal

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- The Israelites continually forgot their deliverer because they never learned to trust in His goodness
- We must learn to fear God Almighty, but fear birthed out of the knowledge of His character

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- **Acts 2:37-39 NIV** 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.”

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- There is the question, “What shall/can we do?”
- We are guilty of this grave sin and guilty of eternal separation from the goodness of God

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- Hear what Peter says, not just the recorded words but what he meant
 - You must respond differently to Jesus than you have in the past
 - You must accept His lordship in and over your life since you will be entering His kingdom

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- Hear what Peter says, not just the recorded words but what he meant
 - Your first act of obedience is to be baptized in His name or by His power illustrating your new birth into His kingdom
 - Draw near to God through the Lord Jesus Christ and so He can draw near to you

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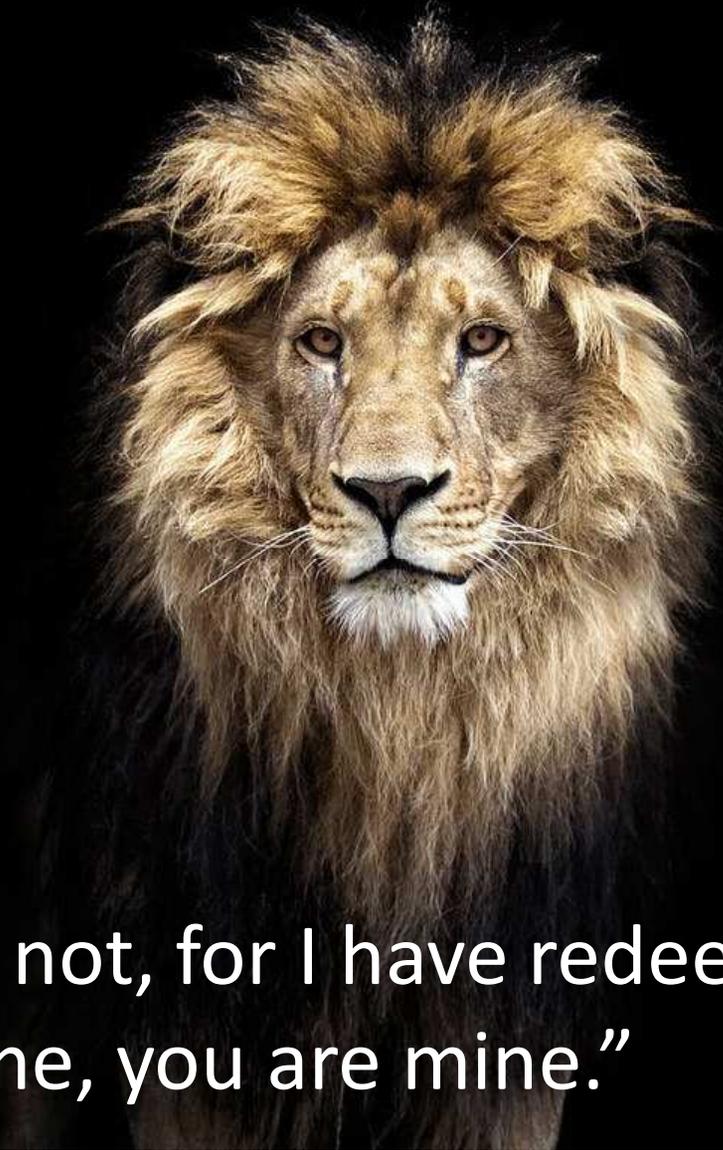
- Do not fear what the world fears
 - The world is afraid of abandonment, political unrest, disease, being treated wrong, death....

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- We do not need to be afraid of anything this world throws at us – Why?
 - We fear the Lord and He has promised to give us everything of great value in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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Isaiah 43:1b ESV “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”