

INTRODUCTION

We just witnessed what happened in the upper room. All of those events God was using to get their attention. There were plenty of Jews present for the feast of Pentecost, so Jews and Gentiles all witnessed these miracles. This is where Peter comes in and preaches his first sermon. He makes his case like a trial lawyer. God was trying to get their attention.

EVIDENCE

We see here the evidence is undeniable. Jesus of Nazareth—what an introduction! All eyes are on Him, surrounding Him are miracles, signs, and wonders. Even someone who is highly intellectual can look at His life and see that His whole life is evidence. Lets take a look at some scripture in **Psalm 16 and 110**. Miracles, signs, wonders are an important part but only a part and insufficient on their own. There were 120 witnesses. Even in a court of law that would be above and beyond what would be needed for proof. Peter is not only presenting the evidence for Jesus, but he's cross examining those people who knew all about Him and rejected Him. He demonstrates their guilt in his crucifixion. Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, lost in their sin. Forgiveness comes after recognition and acknowledgement of something to be forgiven of. Read **Romans 3:23**. So what do we do about it?

CONSIDER

Read verse 37: they were cut to the heart. The feeling of sharp pain connected with anxiety or remorse. Cut to the heart - they realize what they have done. Who they are. This is conviction of sin. Any time someone responds to the Holy Spirit - Conviction brings an internal desire to do something about it. The Holy Spirit stirs us to life and what is our response? Repent! This is a complete 180 degree turn from what life used to be. This is what Pentecost was marked with. It is wonderful to be cut to the Heart - be honest with ourselves; "I don't want to stay this way." This is what we need to do, allow the Holy Spirit to cut us to the heart, and change us. **Read 1 John 1:9, 10.**

PRAY...

- *For the soil of our hearts to be rich, and ready to receive God's Word.
- *That the Holy Spirit would reveal any sin in our lives that needs to be repented of.
- *And the power to live a Christian life, filled with the Love of Jesus.