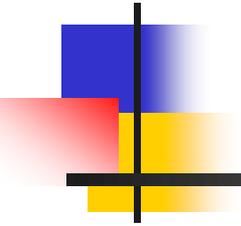


Seek God for the City

And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...that He may teach us concerning His ways"...And they will hammer their swords into plowshares...Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war. – Isaiah 2:3-4

We want to see the prophesied vision of the nations rushing to You, “unlearning” ways of war and finally living in peace. Unceasing war surrounds us now. But we believe Your promise. You are the same God today that You will be on the last day. It is not too early to be changed by Your teaching. Transform us now by training us in Your ways. We need more than words and platitudes. We already know how to say polite words about getting along. Show how You accomplish Your will by giving and forgiving without coercion. Impart to us the power of blessing. Most of all, teach us how You love, so that the nations will see a sample of the coming peace of Your kingdom in our city

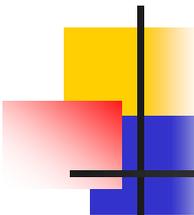


Let the Miracles Begin!

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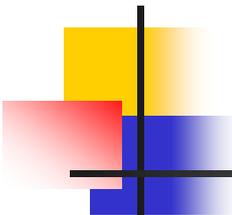
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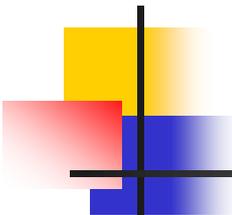
Previously In the Book of Acts

- **8 but you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- **and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



Two KEY Words

- Power – Dunamis
 - **power for any thing, even performing miracles**
- Witness – Martyr
 - Legal term – **called to tell the truth about what you have seen or heard**
- The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to tell what you have experienced - with *miraculous* results!!!!
- But you must be willing to tell your Story!!



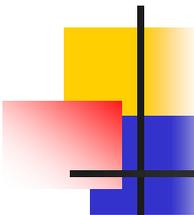
Previously, In the Book of Acts

- Chapter 2 – Day of Pentecost

- Rushing Wind, tongues of fire, speaking in tongues, riot in the streets – Absolute Chaos pointing people to God

- Often the case when the Spirit comes

- Peter steps up and starts explaining that this God fulfilling his promise from the book of Joel that a time would come when He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh, with miraculous, supernatural results



The Other Promise – John 14

- ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^[b]**Helper, that He may be with you forever;** ¹⁷ *that is the Spirit of truth*, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

Miracles and MIRACLES

LOVE 1 Jn 4:16-18

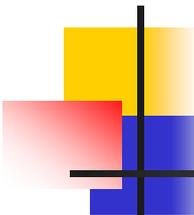
My
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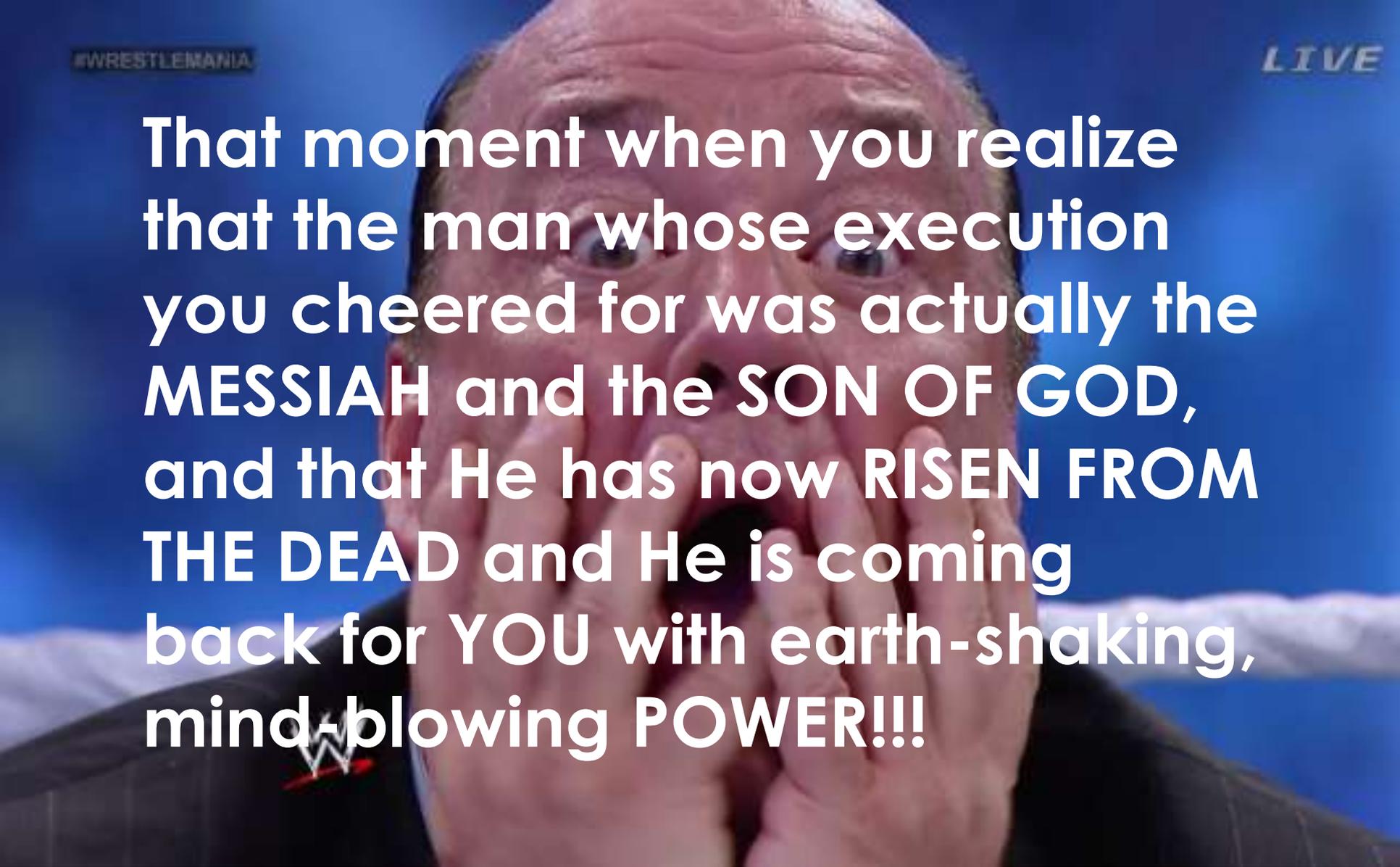
My outward
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**PATIENCE KINDNESS GOODNESS
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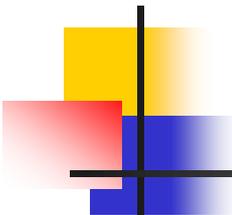


Acts 2:32-36 – Big Finish!!!

- This Jesus God **RAISED UP AGAIN**, to which **we are all WITNESSES**.
³³ Therefore having been exalted [ag]to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both **Lord and [ai]Christ—this Jesus whom YOU crucified.”**

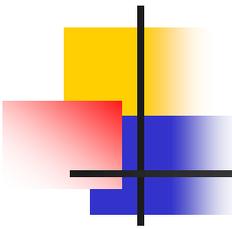


That moment when you realize that the man whose execution you cheered for was actually the **MESSIAH** and the **SON OF GOD**, and that He has now **RISEN FROM THE DEAD** and He is coming back for **YOU** with earth-shaking, mind-blowing **POWER!!!**



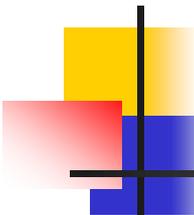
Let the Miracles Begin!

- ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”
- ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “**Repent**, and each of you **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**; and **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**.”



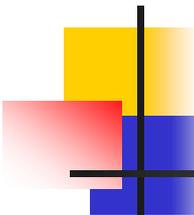
The Original Gospel Message

- Not do better/try harder, or go out and make the world a better place and be a better person
- **Repent** – stop believing what you used to believe and believe the Gospel instead
- **Be Baptized** as a confirmation of repentance
- **Receive the Holy Spirit**



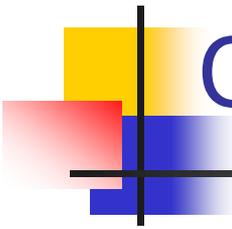
The First Sermon ...

- Was about surrendering to the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit – WHY
- Because Christianity is about Relationship, not religion
- It is about our weakness being swallowed up in His Power
- It is about miraculous, mind-blowing, life changing Power and Presence of God invading the world, changing lives and changing the world as a result



Ephesians 5:18- 20

- ¹⁸ And do not get **drunk with wine**, [!]for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit**, ¹⁹ speaking to [m]one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to [n]God, even the Father
- **Constantly filled and refilled, like drinking from a firehose!!!**



Our Mission, Our Message – You are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY