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NOTES:

**Acts 2:22** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

#### 1. The Father reveals Jesus as the fulfillment of his promises through word and empowerment.

**Matt. 3:16** And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Acts 10:37** you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

#### 2. Jesus reveals himself as the fulfillment of God's promises – as evidenced by his words and power.

**Matt. 11:4** And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

**Luke 4:17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**JESUS CONTINUES TO BE AFFIRMED AS THE PROMISED MESSIAH BY EMPOWERING HIS PEOPLE TO CONTINUE HIS MINISTRY**

**1. The greatest evidence of the gospel truth is a life empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

*Heb. 2:1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.*

**2. The empowerment of the Spirit proves the resurrection and establishes a new quality of life.**

*Rom. 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

**REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPLY**

- 1. Take time to meditate on Hebrews 2:1-4 and Romans 8:9-11. In what specific ways does your life, empowered by the Holy Spirit, communicate the legitimacy of the risen Savior? How does the manner in which you live proclaim the glory of the gospel?
  
- 2. Read and re-read Acts 2:22-24 this week as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Memorize these verses – with the goal of comprehension. Think through each phrase/statement made in these verses and the incredible truth they convey.

*Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.*

**SONGS**

- Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
- Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
- Only A Holy God
- Holy, Holy, Holy

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- Weekly Giving: ..... \$9,870
- Weekly Need: ..... \$12,300
- YTD Giving: ..... \$89,778
- YTD Need: ..... \$110,700
- Expansion Fund: ..... \$282,965

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