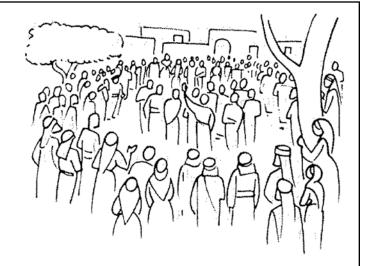
Comedy and Tragedy

- Comedy
 - A story with a happy ending for a likeable main character
- Tragedy
 - A story with a sad ending for an admirable main character
 - Sometimes: main character causes their own downfall
- How would you describe your story?
 - With honesty to self and to God
- How would you describe your relationship with God?

Of What Consequence?

Acts 2:1-41

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Peter preaching to the crowds on Pentecost Good News Bible

A brief history of the New Testament

• Jesus: birth – life – death by execution MARK, LU

Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

THE LAST DAYS

- Holy Spirit comes on the church
 - Jerusalem: birth of church
 - Antioch: Jewish and Gentile together
 - Rome: to the ends, and beyond...
- Jesus' return THE LAST DAY
 - His kingdom perfectly expressed

ACTS

LETTERS FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL

LETTERS FROM OTHERS

REVELATION

Acts 2:1-41

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2-4: • "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he

5-12: gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem,

13: but wait for the gift my Father promised, which

14-21: you have heard me speak about. For John baptized

22-32: with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4-5

33-36: • Pentecost: Jews from around the world gather

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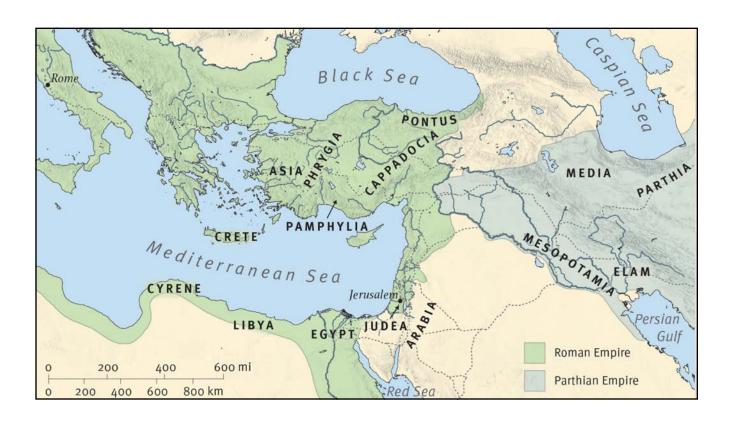
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14-21:	• Same Gospel, different languages & cultures
22-32:	That's why we aim for something better than "color blindness"
33-36:	• Later in Acts, the church had to work hard at crossing cultures and languages
37:	• Sometimes we sense God's mighty power at work
38-39:	as we do His will.
40-41:	• Sometimes it is hard, slow work

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- Encountering God always creates a crisis
 - I realize I have been turning away from God
 - I realize I am not what God wants
 - Love others before self. Love God completely.
 - I realize God's ways are often not what I want
 - Silence, or suffering, or self-sacrifice, or waiting
 - Justice (judgment) for me, and mercy for others
 - Like the rich young ruler, when I encounter God,
 my heart so often chooses to leave and go my own way
 - Yet God is my only hope!
- The crisis is solved only by the grace of God

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- 40-41: Warnings, pleading, and acceptance: 120 + 3,000!

The Big Idea Jesus whom we rejected is the only Lord and Savior

Rejecting Jesus

- Their generation called for Jesus' crucifixion
- All to often, we in our generation...
 - Are too busy with other things
 - Parables of feast. Parable of four soils.
 - Put other things before Jesus
 - Success, responsibilities, pleasures, ease, family, relationships, control, self-fulfillment, ...
 - Think Jesus is a 'nice add-on' in life
 - Use Jesus to help us handle our challenges and priorities
 - Judge others for not being as good in Christ as we are
 - Try to serve Jesus in our own strength

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is the only Lord and Savior

and freely gives forgiveness and the Holy Spirit

if we repent and submit to Him

Implications

- Our lives are a tragedy
 - We are entirely dependent upon God for life
 - Yet we repeatedly choose to move away from God
 - · We choose to move toward death
- But God, being rich in mercy...
 - "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
 - Even those who called out for His death
 - "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus"
 - Receive forgiveness and the Holy Spirit

Application

- Call on the name of the Lord
 - Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus
- · Rejoice in the grace of God
- Tell everyone the wonders of God in a way that they can understand
 - In the power of the Holy Spirit

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- How would you describe your life with respect to God?
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 - Sad justice: sad end for a shameful person
 - Grace: good end for a shameful person
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 - No one comes to the Father except through Jesus