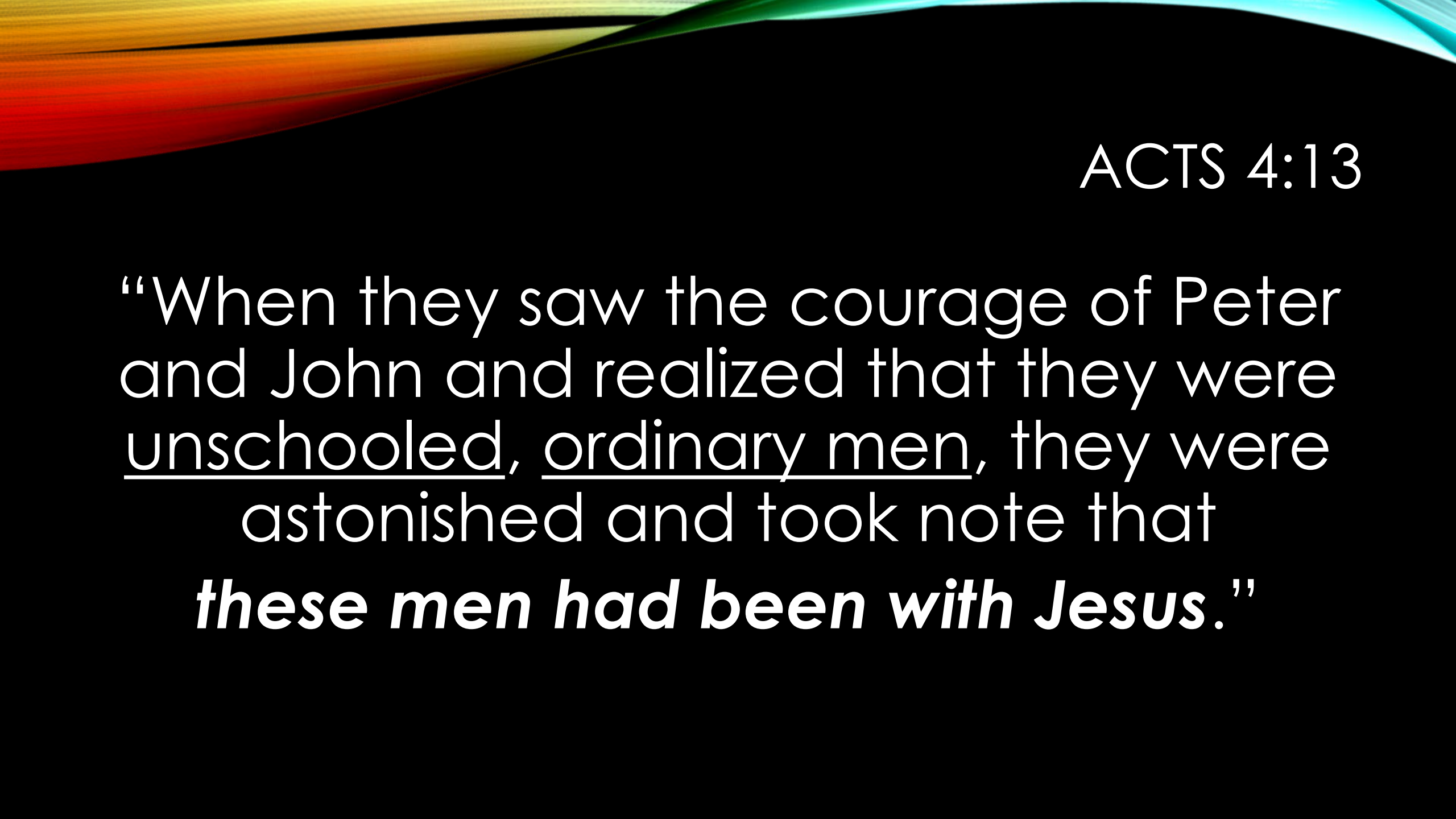
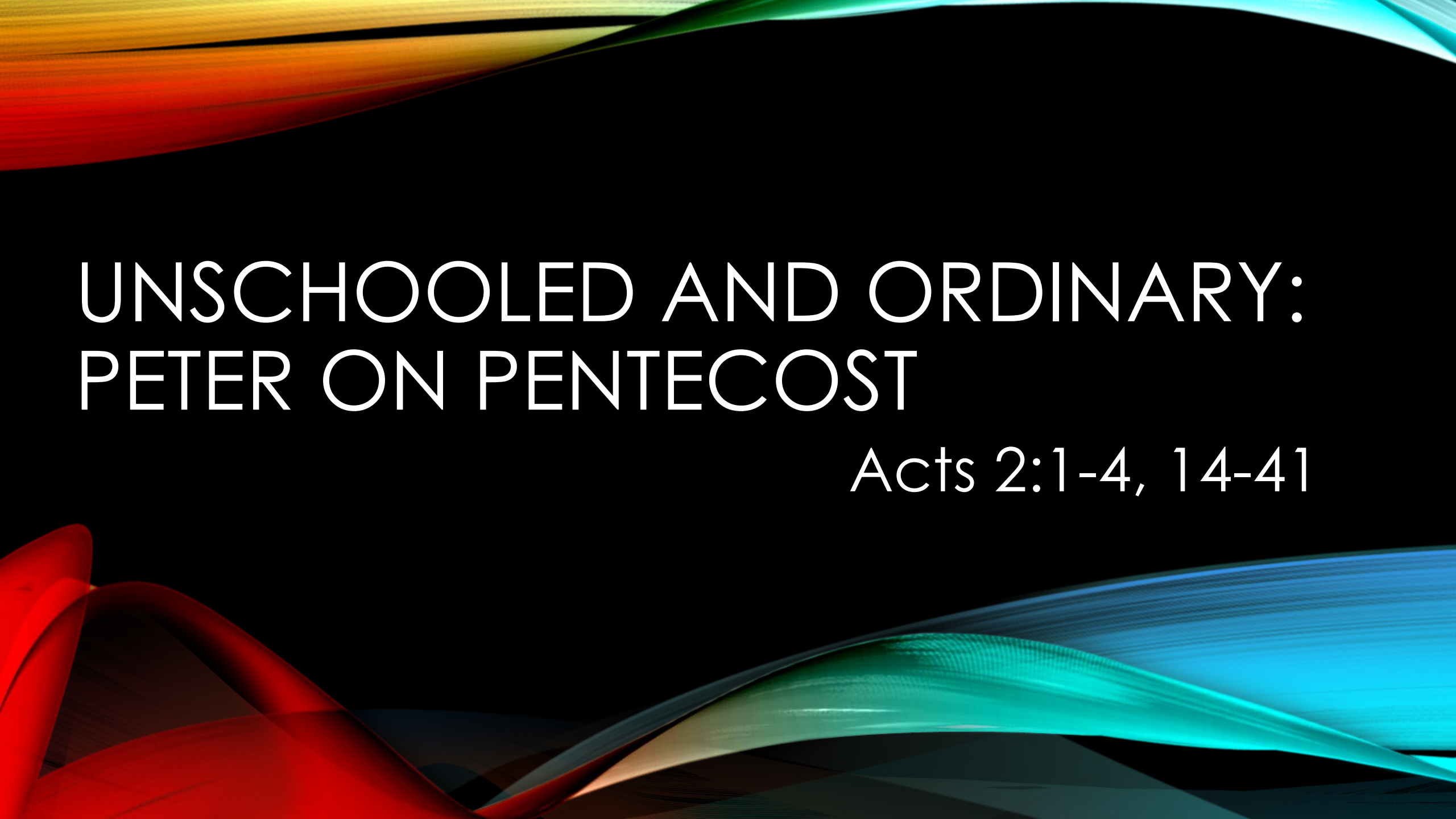




ACTS 4:13

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that ***these men had been with Jesus.***”



UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: PETER ON PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-4, 14-41

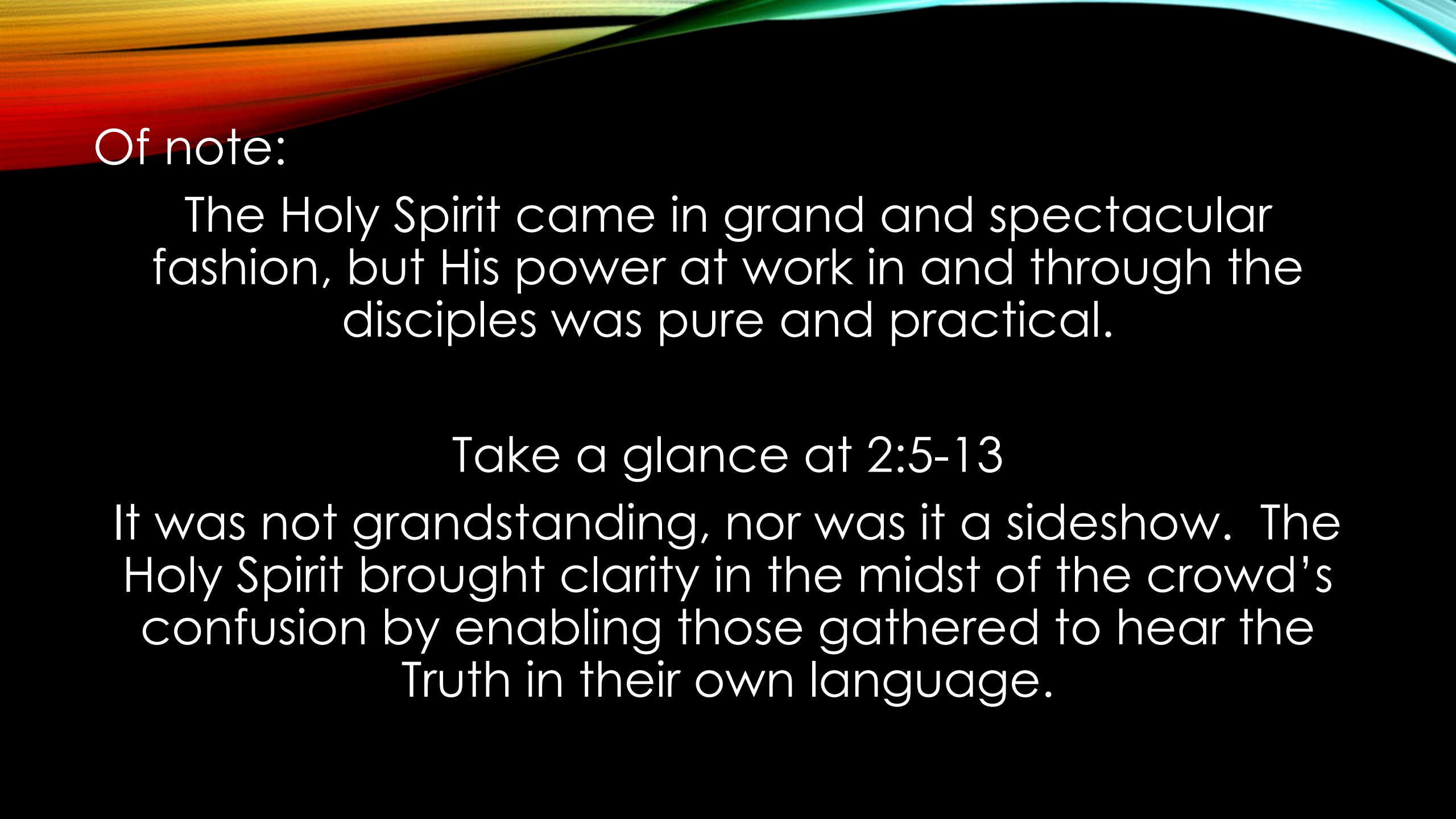
ACTS 2:1-4

Pentecost a.k.a. “Feast of Weeks” or “Feast of Harvest” (Lev. 23:15-22)

The promised infilling with the Holy Spirit
“power from on High” – Luke 24:49

Speaking in tongues

For more on spiritual gifts, see 1 Cor. 12-14, Rom. 12,
Eph. 4

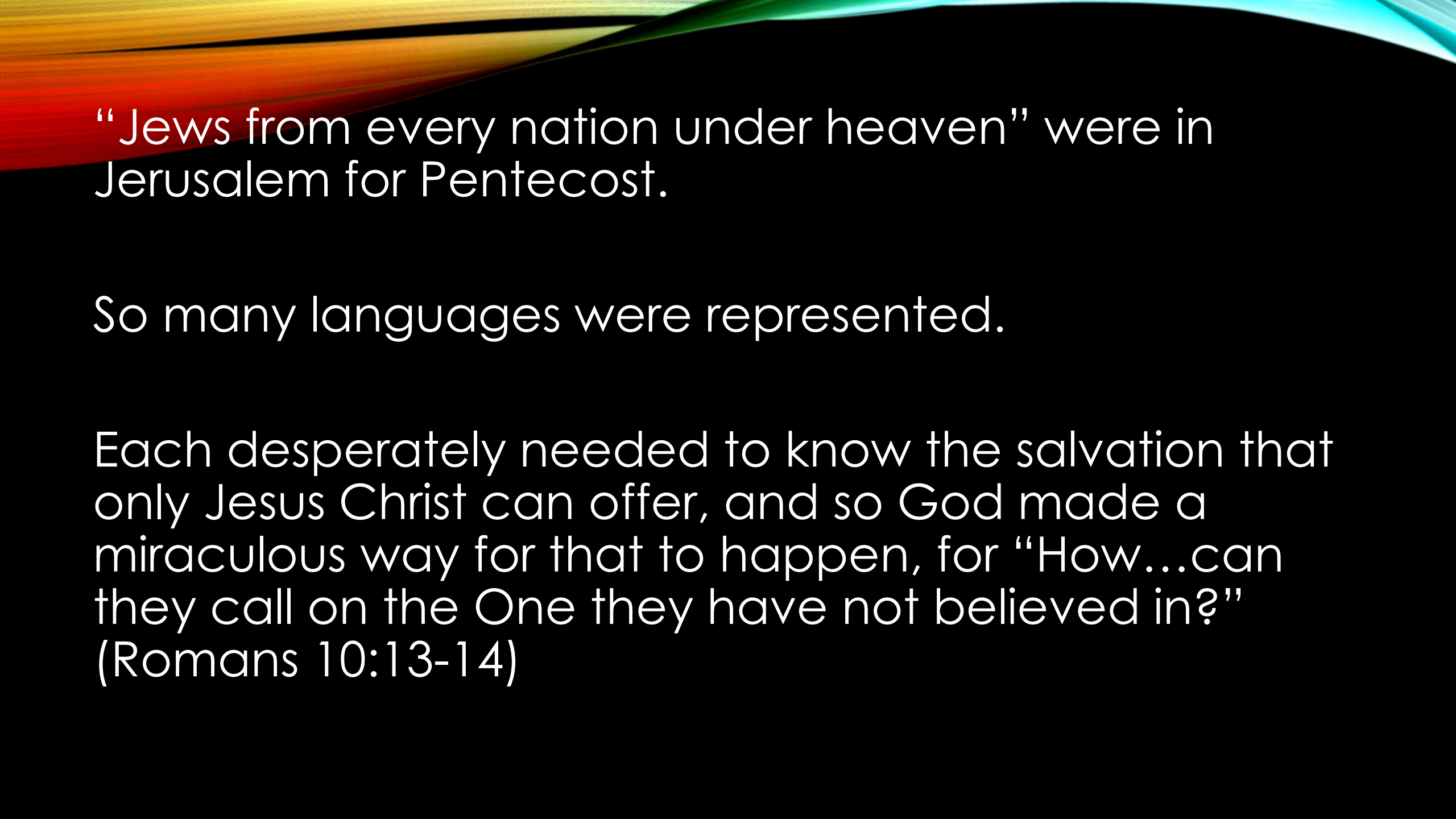


Of note:

The Holy Spirit came in grand and spectacular fashion, but His power at work in and through the disciples was pure and practical.

Take a glance at 2:5-13

It was not grandstanding, nor was it a sideshow. The Holy Spirit brought clarity in the midst of the crowd's confusion by enabling those gathered to hear the Truth in their own language.



“Jews from every nation under heaven” were in Jerusalem for Pentecost.

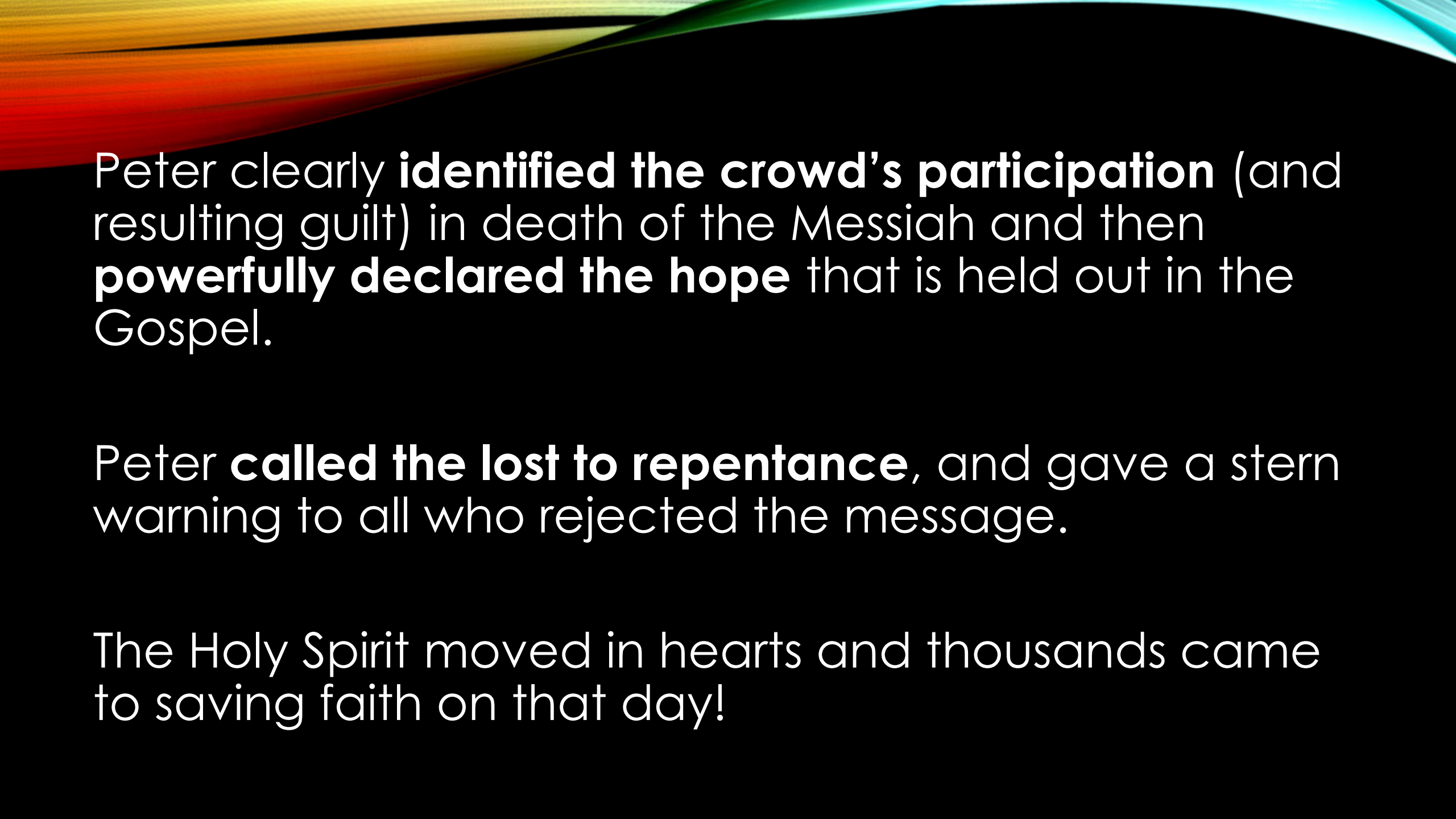
So many languages were represented.

Each desperately needed to know the salvation that only Jesus Christ can offer, and so God made a miraculous way for that to happen, for “How...can they call on the One they have not believed in?”
(Romans 10:13-14)

2:14-41 PETER'S BOLDNESS

Peter and the 11 (recall John 20) **stood up to the mocking crowd with a holy boldness.** (Acts 1:8)

Peter **clearly articulated the Scriptures**, citing history, the prophets and the Psalms, just as Jesus had done for him. Peter was, no doubt, carried by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:26)



Peter clearly **identified the crowd's participation** (and resulting guilt) in death of the Messiah and then **powerfully declared the hope** that is held out in the Gospel.

Peter **called the lost to repentance**, and gave a stern warning to all who rejected the message.

The Holy Spirit moved in hearts and thousands came to saving faith on that day!

WAIT, THIS IS PETER?

I mean, he had a great start (Matt. 4:20) and some incredible moments, but his life recap reel is mixed and varied

Walking (briefly) on water Matt. 14:22ff

“Get behind Me, Satan” Matt. 16:21-23

Sleeping in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42

Malchus' ear John 18:1-11

The Denials John 18:15-18, 25-27

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

From Acts 2 going forward, the Holy Spirit indwelt Peter, enabling the new life Jesus proclaimed in John 3 and Paul echoed in 2 Cor. 5

In fact, all blood-washed believers in Jesus Christ have been enabled for ministry as instruments in the hand of God Almighty.

How does God desire to use you?