

**Was Jesus just another useless invention?**

*"They have had too much wine."*

Acts 2:13b

**Why Jesus is a useful truth.**

*... "Fellow Jews and all of you who are in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk as you suppose....No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:..."*

Acts 2:14-16 NIV

**Jesus: God's answer to our core need.**

*"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know."*

Acts 2:22 NIV

**Instead of accepting God's answer, people try to reject what God gives us.**

*"This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross."*

Acts 2:23 NIV

**Rejection of God is futile.**

*"But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."*

Acts. 2:24 NIV

**What shall we do?****I must be willing to change the direction of my life.**

*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."*

Acts 2:38

**I must be open to receive what God has for me.**

*"And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Acts 2:38, 39 NIV

**I must live differently.**

*"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."*

Acts 2:44-47 NIV