

## A NEW WAY OF SEEING

### ACTS 2:1-21

We are too often stuck in seeing the world in only one way and forget that we can be led to different viewings.

A wealthy oil baron once commissioned Picasso to paint a portrait of his wife. When the work was completed, the baron was shocked to see the image that had been created. "Why, that looks nothing like my wife! You should have painted her the way she really is!" Picasso took a deep breath and said, "I'm not sure what that would be." Without hesitation, the oil baron pulled out his wallet and removed a photograph of his wife saying, "There, you see, this is a picture of how she really is! Picasso, bending over, looked at it and replied, "She is rather small and flat, isn't she?"

Now, Picasso's cubism isn't exactly realistic, but the point is clear: The man was so wrapped up in HIS view of his wife he could not understand anyone else's view or interpretation of her. On the day of Pentecost there were many Jews who understood, who saw God's new view of the world through the eye of the Spirit but there were also many there who did not, who could not see the world around them in any other way than the way it had always been.

Do we hear God's word with a desire to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit? Do we jeer at others when we are asked to do a new thing for God? May we be open to the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us how we might serve others for the Glory of God's kingdom.

God bless,  
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