

## **ORIGINS Pt 2**

### **“The Power to Do What?”**

#### **THE WORLD IN WHICH WE ENTER**

1. Those who benefit from Rome.
2. Those who suffer from Rome.

#### **THE WAY OF THE WORLD**

Empire: the systems where power is currency to govern.

We live under the curse of the empire and part of that curse is that our hope is in the empire.

#### **Genesis 11:1-7 NIV**

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

#### **WHAT’S UP WITH OUR WORDS**

Language is first expressive. Communication is second.

#### **THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**

God’s Spirit is the breath of this eternal kind of life.

#### **Acts 2:1-12 NIV**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

## Acts 1:8 NIV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

## BEAR WITNESS

- Our lives and our lives together become an expression that we live in this overlapping space.
- We are the place where God's space and Human space intersect the way God has intended.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that it is possible for us to be bound together into something wholly new.

*"They will not be turned out to the world as representatives of empires but those who will announce a revolution., the revolution of the intimate, God calling to the world."*

Dr. Willie James Jennings

- How does your life bear on the world around you?
- Can you reimagine how God's Spirit and a New Unity might shape your answer?

## ORIGINS WEEK ONE TIMELINE

