Acts of Jesus, Lesson 8: A Signal Fire

- When was the last time you were on fire?
- Acts 2:1-6, 41-

God has only one marketing plan for His Gospel people who are on fire for Him (this marketing plan works 100% of the time).

- Remember the context of this passage: Acts 1:8
 - God sends us His Holy Spirit to <u>birth</u> us, <u>baptize</u> us, seal us and indwell us, but He also sends Him <u>so we can be living advertisements for Him</u>.
- Jesus predicted this very early in His ministry: Matt. 5:14-16
 - <u>That is what we are—a flame—something eye catching, illuminating, warming to our world.</u>
- 1. <u>An excellent illustration of who we are in this world is given to us in the book</u> of Exodus. <u>Ex. 3:1-3</u>
- <u>Several things to point out here about the burning bush:</u>
 - 1. <u>Moses had</u> seen burning bushes before—he'd never seen one that wasn't destroyed.
 - 2. <u>This was just a bush-- nothing special about it.</u> There were, no doubt, many bushes near it that were just like it.
 - <u>Scripture doesn't say</u> much about the bush---ever wondered why?

<<<u>Any old bush will do as long as God is in it</u>>>

- <u>Safe to assume</u> = It wasn't a <u>pretty b</u>ush.
 - = It wasn't a <u>educated b</u>ush.
 - = It wasn't an <u>eloquent</u> bush.
- 3. This bush was consumed but not destroyed.
 - <u>Likewise, God is not going to destroy us,</u> but He does want to consume us so we can be a living advertisement for Him.
- John Wesley put it like this:

"When the fire of God touches your life people will come and see you burn."

• <u>That's what happened on the day of Pentecost</u>: Men and Women were set on fire by the Spirit of God and people gathered to watch them burn.