

Lesson 4: Acts 2:1-13 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Background: All of the believers in a house in Jerusalem with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4 What happened on the day of Pentecost when Jesus' followers were gathered together in a house? _____

Acts 2:5-10 Why do you think God would cause all of these people to be able to suddenly understand each other's languages? _____

Acts 2:11-13 What did all of the followers of Jesus say to each other? _____

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Acts 2:1-13 Question Answers

Acts 2:1-4 Everyone who trusts and follows Jesus is His disciple. When all of Jesus' disciples were gathered in a house on the day of Pentecost, **God the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and entered each one of them.** The event looked like flames of fire landing on the disciples. Suddenly, all of these different followers of Jesus, from all over Asia and Africa, were able to understand each other's languages. Parthians were able to understand Jews, Jews were able to understand Ethiopians, Ethiopians were able to understand Greeks perfectly, because God the Holy Spirit had entered them and gave them the ability to talk with everyone who had trusted and followed Jesus. We will see in Acts 2:11 that those who were not followers of Jesus could not understand the twelve or more different languages being spoken, so they mocked the followers of Jesus, saying that they were drunk from too much wine.

Acts 2:5-10 Jesus was crucified on Passover, the Jewish feast that required all Jewish men to travel to Jerusalem in order to present an animal sacrifice to God at the temple. Most of these men had to travel from far away countries and did not speak the same language as the Jews who lived in Jerusalem. Because God knows everything, God the Father made sure that Jesus, God the Son, would die on the cross for our sins on the exact day and time that He did, so that the greatest number of people would be in Jerusalem to see Jesus be arrested and tried, crucified, buried in a tomb, and then come back from the dead. After all of these people had seen and believed that Jesus is God the Son, because He said He was God and then came back from the dead, **God knew that they would then go back home to their countries** and tell everyone all that they had seen and heard about Jesus.

Acts 2:11-13 Because everyone in the house could suddenly understand each other, they shared **stories about all of the mighty works of God.** After Jesus' resurrection, He remained on earth for forty days, appearing to individual people and to large groups, so that His friends, His unbelieving family members, and even enemies would come to believe that He is God and trust Him with their sins. These believers in Jesus took this Good News of what God has done to forgive our sins back to their home countries, which helped spread the Gospel message to the whole world.

Lesson 5: Acts 2:14-41 Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Background: All of the believers in a house in Jerusalem after receiving the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:14-21 What was Peter's explanation for why all of the different followers of Jesus could suddenly understand each other's languages? _____

Acts 2:22-36 What did king David prophesy about Jesus, the Holy One of God? _____

Acts 2:37-41 Did the Holy Spirit enter the believers in Jesus before or after being baptized? _____

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Acts 2:14-41 Question Answers

Acts 2:14-21 Peter told the followers of Jesus, the church family of God, that this was what God had told the prophet Joel would happen in the last days. In Joel 2:28-32 we are told that in the last days, God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the crucifixion of Jesus on the Passover, God the Father sent God the Holy Spirit down to live in the hearts of all who trust and follow Jesus, God the Son. While those who could not yet understand all of the languages being spoken around them said that the believers in Jesus were drunk with wine, because they were speaking in a foreign language, **Peter explained that this was the work of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2:22-36 King David ruled Judea about 1000 years before Jesus, God the Son came to earth. God had promised David that one day, one of the members of David's family line would sit on the throne and rule as King forever. While David's body eventually died, was buried, and saw corruption as it turned back to dust, David knew that God would not abandon his soul in Hades, the place of the dead. David also knew that God the Father would not let Jesus, God the Son, the promised King, the Holy One, see corruption after being buried in His tomb. Instead of Jesus' body staying in the tomb, **David knew that Jesus would defeat death for us through His resurrection** and leave the tomb after three days. Because of Jesus' resurrection, God's church family will live forever with their King, and when Jesus returns to earth, we will receive new perfect resurrection bodies that will never die.

Acts 2:37-41 After Peter's sermon, those who received Peter's words were baptized and joined God's church family. **God the Holy Spirit had already entered into their hearts before being baptized.** Baptism is the public act of declaring oneself as having died with Jesus and being made new by Him. Being submerged in water does not save us from sins, but for those who already know and follow Jesus, baptism tells everyone else how Jesus saved us from our sins.

Lesson 6: Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers

Background: All of the believers eating and praying with each other.

Acts 2:42 To whose teaching did Jesus' followers devote themselves? _____

Acts 2:43 Why did awe come upon every soul? _____

Acts 2:44-47 What were the first followers of Jesus doing for each other? _____

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Acts 2:42-47 Question Answers

Acts 2:42 Jesus' followers devoted themselves to the teachings of the Apostles. The Apostles were Jesus' original twelve disciples, who walked with Jesus during His three and a half year ministry on earth. The word Apostle means "sent." The twelve Apostles were sent by Jesus to teach people all over Judea about Him, so they were the sent ones. The teachings of the Apostles are the things that Jesus taught them to do while He was with them; such as how to pray to God the Father in Jesus' name, how to love our enemies, how to forgive like Jesus forgives, how to trust God the Father with our lives, and that Jesus is God the Son and that His death on the cross paid for all of the bad things we have ever done. All of the teachings that Jesus wants His followers to know can be found in the books of our New Testament in the Bible.

Acts 2:43 Jesus' Apostles were performing great signs and wonders. Because Jesus had given the Apostles the ability to heal people, bring dead people back to life, and to cast out evil spirits from people, everyone knew that the Apostles were speaking for Jesus, God the Son.

Acts 2:44-47 The first followers of Jesus, the early church family of God, were showing each other God's love by selling their possessions in order to care for God's family. They did not need to sell their stuff, but because they really loved and cared for each other, they chose to sell what they had and gave the money to the church leaders so that everyone in the church would have the food they needed. They prayed for each other, they ate with each other, and they cared for each other. As God's church family today, we are also to love each other in the same way that God loves us. This means doing what is best for our brothers and sisters in Jesus, without wanting anything in return.