

Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 2

In Chapter 1, Luke presented the ascension of Jesus to heaven, a clear demonstration of Jesus' authority as the Christ, along with the Lord's authorization of His apostles. Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy as the Christ, the promise of the Spirit and prophetic instruction concerning the Apostles are presented together. In Chapter 2, Luke relates the promised baptism of the Spirit on the Apostles and their first public declarations as Jesus' witnesses. We also see the first gathering of Christians in response to the Apostles' teachings.

Chapter 2:1-11 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Question 1: How did the Holy Spirit fall on the apostles? Why did He appear as "tongues of fire"? See Matt 3:11.

Question 2: Did the Holy Spirit give preeminence to any one apostle over another?

Question 3: What does the context of vv. 5-11 indicate was the nature of the gift of tongues given the Apostles in v.4? (See 1 Cor. 14:21-22 for the Apostle Paul's explanation of the purpose of the gift of tongues.)

Chapter 2:14-47 Peter's Sermon on Pentecost

Pentecost was the second of the great Jewish national festivals and observed on the 50th day, or 7 weeks, from the Passover Feast. It was called "the feast of weeks." It is mentioned once in the historical books of the Old Testament (2 Chronicles 8:12,13).

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Question 4: What appeal to revelation does Peter begin his address with? v. 16

Question 5: What is the Lord's giving of His Spirit associated with in Isaiah 32:14-20; 44:1-5; Ezekiel 36:23-28; Ezekiel 39:28-29; Zechariah 12:10?

Question 6: From Joel's prophecy, what is first promised by God concerning the Holy Spirit? v. 17a. Joel 2:28a. See also 1 Cor 12:13. What then demonstrates that promise has been fulfilled? vv. 17b-20.

Question 7: What was connected in Joel's prophecy with the giving of the Spirit? v. 21.

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Question 8: What evidence does Peter present concerning Jesus? vv. 22-24

Question 9: How does Peter describe David? v. 30. 2 Sam 23:2

Question 10: What relationship does Peter draw between Jesus and David? v. 30

Question 11: What position did Peter declare for Jesus? How did Peter present Jesus' relationship to David? See Matt. 23:41-46

Question 12: What was the basis upon which Jesus poured the Holy Spirit on the Apostles? See Gal. 3:14.

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Question 13: On what did Peter's command in v. 38 rest? v. 39. Did Peter present this command as fulfillment of prophecy? See Is. 54:13; Is. 44:3; 57:14-19; Joel 2:32.

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Question 14: What characterized the spirit of this gathering of Christians? vv. 42-43.

Question 15: What was their attitude toward each other? How did they show it? What role did eating together and being together play?

Question 16: How did their attitude toward God and each other impact unbelievers?