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NIGHT OF THE
RESURRECTION

JOHN 20:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

ACTS 1:3-5, 8 (ESV)

³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

LUKE 24:45-49 (ESV)

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

MARK 16:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

PRIOR TO ASCENSION

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1: JESUS MADE IT PLAIN THAT THERE WAS MORE FOR THEM.

- Jesus referred to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as the Promise of the Father (A1:4, L24:49).
- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit after he left them (John 16:7)
- Jesus plainly told them that he would baptize them in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5) in a few days (and then he ascended into heaven).
 - He was saying it was still to come, even though they had already received the Holy Spirit on the night of the resurrection.
 - There's 40 days between the resurrection and the ascension - so clearly Pentecost (Acts 2) and what happened in John 20 on the night of the resurrection are not the same event.
 - Wait! There's more!
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - Promise of the Father
 - Sent by the Son - He baptizes us in the Spirit
 - Spirit is sent by both the Father and the Son
- This is the Father's Promise and desire of the Son for us.
 - You can trust that it is good and desirable.
 - We should desire this.

2: JESUS EMPHASIZED ITS IMPORTANCE.

- Go! But WAIT/Stay in the city! (??)
 - Matt 28/Mark 16/Luke 24/Acts 1
- Wait for what?
 - Clothed with power from on high
- He had given them an impossible task (make disciples of all nations), but was promising the Spirit - ordering them to wait for the promise.
- Q: If Jesus thought it was so important for the disciples to wait for this power of the Spirit to do the work He called them to... why are we different?
 - Don't you think we need the Holy Spirit's power just as much (if not more)?

3: JESUS CONNECTED ITS PURPOSE TO THE MISSION.

- Power for witness
- Gifts of the Spirit
 - For mission
 - For building up (edifying) the Church (Body of Christ).

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ACTS 2:1-4 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Quick points of teaching:

- Pentecost (Feast of Weeks - 7 weeks + 1 day after Passover) was one of three major feasts where all the men of Israel were required to attend.
- It recalls the time when God gave the Law to Israel on Mount Sinai - act of grace - He was forming for Himself a people.
 - Acts 2 - Day of Pentecost - God poured out His Spirit
 - The pouring out of the Spirit was needed in forming for Himself a people
- Pentecost is also known as the Feast of Harvest: It represents the firstfruits gathered as the result of the labor of those who completed the spring grain harvests in ancient Israel.
 - Feast of Harvest - teaches us that Pentecost's purpose is to reach people!
- Speaking in Tongues
 - All were filled. All began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
 - We see speaking in tongues repeated throughout the book of Acts when people are baptized in the H.S.
 - 5 times we see the baptism in the Spirit described. 3 times tongues are clearly described. The 2 remaining can easily have a case made that tongues were present.
 - Leads us to believe that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.
 - I'll teach more on this next week.

ACTS 2:14-18 (ESV)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

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and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Quick points of teaching:

- Peter connects Pentecost and the speaking in tongues particularly to the OT Joel's prophecy.
 - This is the Promise of the Father (the pouring out of the Spirit).
 - He would seem to connect speaking in tongues to prophecy (more on that next week).

ACTS 2:36-41 (ESV)

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Quick points of teaching:

- Note who's talking: Peter.
 - The guy who just a little over a month ago couldn't acknowledge that he was a disciple of Jesus to a servant girl.
 - What's he doing: He's boldly preaching to the masses in Jerusalem who were gathered for Pentecost.
 - He preached Jesus death and resurrection, their need for repentance, and the promise of the Spirit.
 - NOTICE: boldness & anointing - accompanied with a supernatural event (speaking in tongues) - all of this - POWER FOR WITNESS.
 - The result... 3,000 souls added into the kingdom. HARVEST.

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IF TIME ALLOWS:

What are some misconceptions about the baptism in the H.S.?

- Its necessary for salvation (false)
 - Water baptism - individual baptized by a person in water
 - At conversion - individual is baptized by the spirit into the body of Christ
 - Baptism in HS - Jesus baptizes individual in the Holy Spirit
- Something we can learn or make happen (false)
- A sign of God's approval (false)
 - This was settled at the cross.
- Tongues are the only way the Spirit prays through us (false)
 - He uses our words, His words, or even no words
- A reason to feel superior to others (false)
 - 1 Cor 13:1 - Love is the way... If I have not love...
 - Other Christians have other views. We can partner with them for the sake of the Gospel.

How do we receive the Baptism in the HS?

- There's no set formula...
- In Scripture it is received only by Christians.
- Sometimes it involved people praying for each other.
- Being open to what God wants to do in you and through you.
- Ask and receive by faith
- Have a heart to live on mission. Why do we need the baptism if we aren't being his witnesses?

Who needs the Holy Spirit to help them live on mission - to be a witness for HIM?

- Let's ask Him for His Spirit and His power to be His witnesses.