

Jesus For All

Week 2: The Arrival of the Holy Spirit

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Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21

Motivation (Why You Need to Know It):

Very few things in life are FOR ALL. Jesus is the exception – He is For All.

Luke's gospel taught about the life and ministry of Jesus. Acts (Luke's sequel) would tell of Jesus' message continuing to be spread through His followers.

Acts 1:8 serves as the outline or foretelling of what is to come.

Acts 1:8 (NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Where we are in the story...

- Jesus' Crucifixion (AD 30-33)
- Jesus' Resurrection (3 Days After Crucifixion)
- Jesus' Instruction (Between Resurrection and Ascension)

Matthew 28:19 (NLT) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them... **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

- Jesus' Ascension (40 Days After Resurrection)

Acts 1:9 (NLT) After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud...

Information (What You Need to Know):

The Holy Spirit arrived 10 days after the ascension (50 days after Jesus' resurrection)

Acts 2:1 (NLT) On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

The Holy Spirit's appearance was characterized in three ways:

- Sound of a Mighty Wind (often signified the Spirit)
- Flames or Tongues of Fire (represented the purifying presence of God)
- Apostles Speaking in Other Languages (gospel is for all people)

Acts 2:5 (NLT) At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. **7** They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! **11** ...And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" **14** Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. **15** These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. **16** No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: **17** 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.'"

Significance or value of the Holy Spirit's arrival -

- The Holy Spirit indwells disciples

John 14:16 (NLT) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate [Comforter, or Encourager, or Counselor], who will never leave you. **17** He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. **18** No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

■ The Holy Spirit works when the Gospel is spoken

John 15:26 (NLT) “But I will send you the Advocate - the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

John 16:8 (NLT) And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. **9** The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. **10** Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. **11** Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

✓ Convicts the world of sin (unbelief)

✓ Convicts of God’s righteousness (mankind made righteous through Jesus)

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

✓ Convicts of coming judgment (the world falsely judges Christ’s identity)

■ The Holy Spirit enables disciples to do greater things

John 14:12 (NLT) “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.”

✓ Jesus had...

- Little time (18 months of ministry)
- Few people (potentially a few thousand at His death – 120 devoted leaders)
- Limited resources (money and methods)
- Small travels (never went more than 30 miles from his birthplace)

✓ We have...

- More time (72 years old is the average global life expectancy)
- More people (supposedly 2 billion, approximately 1/3 of world’s population)
- More resources (money, internet, ability to influence people)
- More travels (some people travel 30 miles round trip to work each day)

Application (What You Need To Do):

“We are not all we were made to be when everything in our lives and churches can be explained apart from the work and presence of the Spirit of God.” – Francis Chan