



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 26 – Acts 02

People — Who is involved?

*The apostles receive power from the Holy Spirit.
Jewish people from many nations were present.
Peter preached the first Gospel sermon.
3000 persons were baptized.
The believers continued praising God.
The Lord added to the church.*

Places — Where does it happen?

*Waiting in Jerusalem, the apostles were all together in a house (some think in an apartment or room on the temple grounds).
After the Holy Spirit was miraculously evidenced, thousands gathered (apparently in the temple complex).*

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 1 – Pentecost took place 50 days after Passover... thus on Sunday, 7 weeks after Jesus' resurrection.*
- Vs 2 – A "sound" of wind came from heaven and filled the house.*
- Vs 4 – "Other tongues" are legitimate languages but ones they had not learned (see verse 8).*
- Vs 17 – The prophesy here is found in Joel 2:28-32. This is the beginning of the things Joel foretold.*
- Vs 17 – There would be miracles of revelation when the Holy Spirit came upon them.*
- Vs 19 – The wonders mentioned here are references to God's judgments. One might compare the figurative language to Ezek. 32:7; 38:22; Isa 13:10; 34:3-6; 66:15; Amos 5:6-8, 18; Zeph. 1:14-18.*
- Vs 22 – The beginning of the sermon message. The sermon continues from verse 22 through verse 39.*
- Vs 25 – This passage from David is found in Psalm 16:8-11.*
- Vs 33 – Notice this promise of the Holy Spirit was received by Christ.*
- Vs 34 – This quotation is found in Psalm 110:1.*
- Vs 38 – Peter promises believers will receive two things: the forgiveness of sins and the "gift of the Holy Spirit." Paul preached that believers would receive two things: forgiveness of sins and "an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith" in Christ (Acts 26:18). (See also Titus 3:5-7).*
- Vs 39 – These blessings were promised to "you" (those Jews); "your children" (future Jews); and "all who are afar off" (Gentiles). Both Peter and Paul associate God's promises to all men to what God promised Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; see Acts 3:25; 13:23-26, 32-39; Gal. 3:8, 14, 26-29. Notice especially the references to our becoming "heirs" or "sons" of God through Abraham's seed.*
- Vs 41 – 3000 people were "added." This was the beginning of the church. (see verse 47).*
- Vs 42 – These are things the Christians did in the church. They are all spiritual things.*
- Vs 46 – These are things they did in their lives as Christians.*

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. The beginning of preaching the gospel and of the church takes place on this Pentecost day.*
- 2. The gospel requires that men believe in Jesus, repent of sins, and be baptized.*
- 3. The new Christians provide a Biblical example of how Christians should live today (vss. 41-47).*