

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

Jesus makes a promise and goes to heaven. Acts 1:3-5 Luke 24:50-51

1:3After Jesus died and became alive again, he appeared to his disciples for 40 days. 4Jesus said to his disciples, 5"In a few days [God's] Holy Spirit will come on you."

24:50Then, Jesus took his disciples outside Jerusalem [to the Mount of Olives]. Jesus lifted his hands, and he blessed his disciples. 51While Jesus was blessing his disciples, God took him up into heaven.

The Holy Spirit comes. Acts 1:12-15 & 2:1-41

1:12Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. 14The disciples were always praying to God together. They were praying with Mary the mother of Jesus, with the women, and with Jesus' brothers. 15There were about 120 people.

2:1About 10 days later, all the people were together in the house. 2Suddenly there was a sound from heaven. The sound was like a very strong wind. The sound filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3The 120 people saw tongues – and the tongues looked like fire. The tongues divided. And the tongues came onto each person.

4Everyone was filled with God's Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit gave them special ability – they could speak in other languages.

5Now, Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. These Jews were serious about their religion. 6They heard the loud sound from heaven, and they came to the house.

But these Jews were confused. These Jews were from many different countries and spoke many different languages. They heard Jesus' disciples speaking – and the disciples were speaking in many different languages.

7The Jews were amazed. They asked, "The disciples are from northern Israel. 8Why are they speaking all our languages? 11They are talking about the great things of God in our languages! 12What does this mean?"

14Then Peter and the disciples stood up. Peter said, "I will explain this to you. 16This event is what God promised [about 800 years ago in the Old Testament]: 17 'I will pour out my Holy Spirit on all people – 18 I will pour out my Spirit on men and on women. 21And everyone who calls to the Lord will be saved.'"

22Peter said, "Jews, listen to me. 23God handed over Jesus to you – this was God's plan. And you and bad men killed Jesus on the cross. 32But God made Jesus alive again. We saw Jesus alive – we are witnesses.

33"Then God took Jesus up to heaven – and Jesus sat beside God the Father in heaven. Then God the Father gave the Holy Spirit to Jesus – and Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on us today. 36So Jesus is Lord and Christ [the Messiah]."

37The Jews felt very bad. They said to Peter and the disciples, "What should we do?"

38Peter answered, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. God will forgive your sins. And you will receive God's gift – the Holy Spirit is God's gift to you.

39This promise is for you and your children. This promise is also for people who live far away – it is for everyone God will invite."

41That day, about 3000 people believed Peter's message. They were baptized and joined the disciples.

CONTENT QUESTIONS**DISCUSSION QUESTION**

- What did Jesus promise the disciples? (Acts 1:4-5)
- Then, where did Jesus go? (Luke 24:51)
- Then, where did the disciples go? And where did they stay? (Acts 1:12 & 2:1)
- How many people were in the house? (Acts 1:15)
- Ten days later, what did the disciples hear? And what did they see? (Acts 2:2 & 3)
- Where did the sound come from? (verse 2)
- What came on all the people in the house? (verse 3)
 - What filled all the people in the house? (verse 4)
- What special ability did the Holy Spirit give to everyone? (verse 4)
- Who (else) heard the sound of the wind? (verses 5-6)
- Where did these Jews come from? (verse 5)
- Why were the Jews confused and amazed? (verses 6-8)
 - What were the disciples talking about (in foreign languages)? (verse 11)
- So what did Peter and the disciples do? (verse 14)

After the disciples received the Holy Spirit, were the disciples afraid or brave?

(Remember: Fifty days before, they were afraid and hiding!)

Why do you think the disciples became very brave?

- What did God promise about 800 years before? (verses 16-18 & 21)
- Who is the promise for? (verses 17-18 & 21)
- What bad news did Peter tell the Jews? (verses 23)
 - What was God's plan? (verse 23)

Why did God plan for Jesus to die?

Father God loved the world very, very much – so God gave us his only Son, Jesus. So everyone who believes in Jesus will not be destroyed – they will live forever!

John 3:16

- Then, what good news did Peter tell the Jews? (verse 32)
- Where is Jesus now? (verse 33)
- What is Jesus status now – what is his position? (verse 36) [Christ = Messiah]
- How did the Jews feel? (verse 37)

Why do you think the Jews felt very bad?

What had the Jews done to Jesus? (verse 23)

- So, what did the Jews ask Peter? (verse 37)
- What 2 things did Peter tell the Jews to do? (verse 38)
- Then, what will God do? (verse 38)
- Then, what will the Jews receive? (verse 38)
- Who else can receive God's Holy Spirit? (verse 39)
- How many people believed? (verse 41)
- What did these people do? (verse 41)