

## Acts 2:1-24 Study Guide

**Background:** Pentecost, also known as Feast of Weeks or Feast of Harvest, occurs 50 days after the Passover celebration. Remember from our John study, that Jesus was crucified and risen during the time of Passover. He was the final Passover Lamb (**Hebrews 9:25-26**). According to **Acts 1:3**, Jesus spent 40 days teaching and showing tangible proof of His resurrected body to His disciples. In **Luke 24:32**, on the road to Emmaus, we are given a picture what Jesus taught them during this 40 days; ““Weren’t our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?” They began to have understanding after Jesus was glorified. Ten more days elapse as Jesus’ disciples “learn” obedience by waiting on the Lord’s timing. The time is full 50 days after Passover... it is Pentecost and this is where **Acts 2** picks up for us.

### Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the CSB (Christian Standard Bible). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words. If you have any questions, write them down and we can talk about them in Sunday School.

#### Day 1 (Acts2:1-4)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

- 2** When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.  
**3** They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. **4** Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.

#### Verse 1:

- When the \_\_\_\_\_ of Pentecost had arrived, they were \_\_\_\_\_ together in one place.
- **Questions:**
  - What day had arrived? \_\_\_\_\_
  - They were all together in what? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 2:

- Suddenly a \_\_\_\_\_ like that of a violent rushing \_\_\_\_\_ came from heaven, and it filled the \_\_\_\_\_ house \_\_\_\_\_ they were staying..
- **Questions:**
  - How quickly did the sound come? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did they hear a sound like? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where did this sound come from? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did this “sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven” fill? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Verse 3:

- They saw \_\_\_\_\_ like flames of fire that separated and \_\_\_\_\_ on each one of them.
- **Note:** “tongues” would indicate languages. For the United States, our native tongue would be English.
- **Questions:**
  - What are did they see? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did the tongues like flames of fire do on each one of them? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 4:**

- Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.
- Questions:
  - What happened when they were filled with the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who enabled them to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism of the Spirit:** This happens at conversion and they are “born” into the kingdom. Those “born” (“born again” because our 2nd birth is our spiritual birth) into the kingdom become “children” of God. This is a work of God. Jesus Christ died for all the sin of the world, but only those who are His children receive eternal life with Him.

- Write out **John 3:3** - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Filling of the Holy Spirit:** We are “filled” with the Holy Spirit when we study God’s Word. This is what **Romans 12:2** means of having our minds being “renewed” and the fruit of that will be that we will know God’s perfect and pleasing will. Our prayers, conversations with God, are fueled by that time in His Word and we are filled so that we can “pour” out what God has taught us to be His vessel to others. THIS is what we see at Pentecost. Peter, who before the cross was hiding, received the Holy Spirit before Pentecost. Here they are being “filled” with the ability of God’s Word in these “devout Jews’” languages to “declare the wonders of God”. That is what will happen to us as we “fill” ourselves with the Word of God through study and prayer to go and declare the truth of Who God is.

\*Let me know if you need us to talk more about the baptism/filling of the Holy Spirit and I can provide other Scriptures that may help with understanding\*

## Day 2 (Acts 2:5-11)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**5** Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. **6** When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. **7** They were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.”

### Verse 5:

• \_\_\_\_\_ there were Jews \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, devout people \_\_\_\_\_ every nation \_\_\_\_\_ heaven.

#### • Questions:

- Who were staying in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did these “devout” people come from? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Do you remember when we studied John’s Gospel and we discussed how Jesus’ miracles were around groups of people? These will become “witnesses”. Not all, unlike in today’s passage, will believe as we saw in our study of John’s Gospel. Even an unbelieving witness, if they testify truthfully to what they saw, is still a witness. Pentecost is a Jewish feast where “devout” Jews will gather in Jerusalem. This “feast” will provide seeking Jews an opportunity of salvation as God will move through this to begin His foundational building of His church. The **church era** is beginning (the Last Days begins).

### Verse 6:

• When this \_\_\_\_\_ occurred, a crowd came \_\_\_\_\_ and was confused because \_\_\_\_\_ one heard them \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_ language.

#### • Questions:

- What happened when the sound occurred? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was the crowd’s reaction to hearing the sound? \_\_\_\_\_
- As the crowd came together, what did they hear? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This is a “sound” like a wind and it shook the house. EVERYONE heard this and the natural reaction is to see “what happened”. As they are seeing what happened, they witness this “sign” from God.

### Verse 7-8:

• They \_\_\_\_\_ astounded and amazed, \_\_\_\_\_, “\_\_\_\_\_, aren’t all these \_\_\_\_\_ are speaking Galileans?”  
• \_\_\_\_\_ is it that \_\_\_\_\_ of us can \_\_\_\_\_ them in our own native \_\_\_\_\_?

#### • Questions:

- What was the reaction of the people who saw this “sign”? \_\_\_\_\_
- In the people’s astonishment and amazement, there are 2 questions that they asked. What were those questions?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Verse 9-11:

- Parthians, \_\_\_\_\_, Elamites; those who live in \_\_\_\_\_, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and \_\_\_\_\_, **10** Phrygia and \_\_\_\_\_, Egypt and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both \_\_\_\_\_ and converts), **11** Cretans and Arabs
- —we \_\_\_\_\_ them declaring the \_\_\_\_\_ acts of God in our \_\_\_\_\_ tongues.”
- **Question:** What did all of these devout Jews from the nations listed in **verse 9-11** say that they heard?  
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**Note:** Until this moment, God’s Word had only been preached in Hebrew or Aramaic. This miracle was a sign of judgement to the Jewish nation that they no longer would be the only agent that God would use to be witnesses for Him. Other nations will be grafted (blended) in. Now other tongues (languages) would be able to declare God’s Word to others.

### Day 3 (Acts 2:12-15)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**12** They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.” **14** Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning.

#### **Verse 12:**

- They were \_\_\_\_\_ astounded and perplexed, \_\_\_\_\_ to one another, “What \_\_\_\_\_ this mean?”
- **Questions:**
- What was their reaction? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did they say to one another? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** “What does this mean” is a “wonder”. It is beyond the person’s apprehension and they are puzzled about its purpose. As believers in the Lord, that “wonder” points us back to God to seek to understand the fullness of the “sign” (which will point to a spiritual truth). And for those who don’t believe in God, it will hopefully cause them to seek God. God will always receive a seeking heart for Him. These people are trying to figure out, in their finite mind, how it could logically happen. They “wonder”. Not all, unfortunately, will believe that the “Source” is God and will try to ignore, deflect or explain it away. Those, who are believers in God, though, will recognize the miracle as a sign that points to the authenticity of God and the truth of His Word. As **Acts 2** unfolds, their responses to conviction of sin and the reality that only God can save them from that sin through His Son, Jesus Christ will demonstrate their faith.

#### **Verse 13:**

- But some \_\_\_\_\_ and said, “They’re \_\_\_\_\_ on new wine.”
- **Question:** How did some others react to this miracle? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Verse 14-15:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ stood up \_\_\_\_\_ the Eleven, raised his \_\_\_\_\_, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow \_\_\_\_\_ and all you \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem, let \_\_\_\_\_ be known to \_\_\_\_\_, and pay \_\_\_\_\_ to my words.
- For these \_\_\_\_\_ are not drunk, as you \_\_\_\_\_, since it’s only nine in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Questions:**
- What did Peter do with his voice after he stood up with the other Eleven apostles? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who did Peter address as he raised his voice? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did Peter say for them to pay attention to? \_\_\_\_\_
- What evidence did Peter use to defend that these people, who were speaking in other languages after the wind came, were not drunk? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** notice that Peter stands up with the Eleven. This would most likely lend to the thought that this happened in the middle of a prayer meeting when they were all kneeling.

#### Day 4 (Acts 2:16-21)

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**16** On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all people; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. **18** I will even pour out my Spirit on my servants in those days, both men and women and they will prophesy. **19** I will display wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

#### Verse 16:

- On the \_\_\_\_\_, this is what was \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ Joel:
- **Question:** What Old Testament prophet is Peter about to quote? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Peter is about to teach how Joel's prophecy (**Joel 2:28-32**) is beginning to be fulfilled.

**Where did Peter get this knowledge?** (Look up the highlighted Scriptures below to support the answer):

- Remember that it was noted in John's gospel (**John 12:16**) that the apostles understood *after* Jesus was glorified ("glorified" means after the resurrection; raised from the dead). Peter's (and other believer's in Jesus as God's Son) understanding of how the Old Testament was fulfilled happened within those 40 days that Jesus was physically with them after his resurrection (**Acts 1:3; Luke 24:15-16; Luke 24:26-27**)

#### Verse 17-21:

- And it will be in the \_\_\_\_\_ days, says God, that I \_\_\_\_\_ pour out \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit on all people; \_\_\_\_\_ your sons and your \_\_\_\_\_ will prophesy, your \_\_\_\_\_ men will see visions, and your old men will \_\_\_\_\_ dreams.
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_ pour out my Spirit on my \_\_\_\_\_ - in those days, both men and women \_\_\_\_\_ they will prophesy.
  - I will \_\_\_\_\_ wonders in the heaven \_\_\_\_\_ and signs on \_\_\_\_\_ earth below: blood and \_\_\_\_\_ - and a cloud of smoke.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ will be turned to \_\_\_\_\_ and the moon to blood \_\_\_\_\_ the great and glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Then \_\_\_\_\_ who calls on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord will be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Questions:**
  - According to **Acts 2:17**, what will happen in the last days according to God through Joel's prophecy:
    - God will \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ people.
  - After His Spirit is poured out, who will prophesy? \_\_\_\_\_ (see **verses 17-18**)
    - Young men will do what? \_\_\_\_\_. Old men will do what? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Acts 2:19**,
    - what will be displayed in the heavens above? \_\_\_\_\_
    - what will be displayed on the earth below? \_\_\_\_\_
    - what 3 signs/wonders will be revealed? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - According to **Acts 2:20**,
    - what will happen to the sun? \_\_\_\_\_
    - what will happen to the moon? \_\_\_\_\_
    - when will all of this happen before? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to **Acts 2:21**, what will happen with everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord (after all of this happens and the Lord comes on that great and glorious day)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Note:** Pentecost is the beginning of the "last days" as the church era commences. This will continue until Christ comes back.
- Write out **Isaiah 45:23**: \_\_\_\_\_
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- Write out **Romans 14:11**: \_\_\_\_\_

**Day 5 (Acts 2:22-24)**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **Acts 2** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**22** “Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you yourselves know.

**23** Though he was delivered up according to God’s determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. **24** God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death.

**Verse 22:**

- “Fellow Israelites, \_\_\_\_\_ to these words: This \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth was a man attested to \_\_\_\_\_ by God with miracles, \_\_\_\_\_, and signs that God did \_\_\_\_\_ you through him, just as you \_\_\_\_\_ know.
- **Questions:**
  - What does Peter instruct his “fellow Israelites” to do? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How does Peter say that Jesus of Nazareth was a “man attested to” them “by God? With \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where did God do these miracles, wonders, and signs that attested to Jesus of Nazareth? God did these \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus.
  - What do you think Peter means when he states to these Jews, “just as you yourselves know”? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 23:**

- Though he was \_\_\_\_\_ up according to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless \_\_\_\_\_ to nail him to a \_\_\_\_\_ and kill him.
- **Questions:**
  - How was Jesus of Nazareth delivered up?
    - According to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and God’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who did the Jewish nation (including those who Peter is talking to in **Acts 2**) use? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did the Jewish nation use the lawless people for? \_\_\_\_\_

**Verse 24:**

- God \_\_\_\_\_ him up, ending the \_\_\_\_\_ of death, because it was \_\_\_\_\_ possible for him to be \_\_\_\_\_ by death.
  - **Questions:**
    - What did Peter say God did to Jesus, in spite of them using lawless people “to nail him to a cross to kill him”? \_\_\_\_\_
    - When God raised Jesus up after He was killed on the cross, what ended? \_\_\_\_\_
    - What was it not possible for death to do to Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Write out **1 Corinthians 15:55-57**: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**We will conclude Acts 2 in the next study guide.**