

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. 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 violet 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?

Day 1 (Acts2:1-4); cont'd

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. John 3:16 shares 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** -

Notes:

- Where did the word, Pentecost come from?
Pentecost is not a “word” that began on this day. Pentecost refers to the 50 days after Passover (“Pente” means five) and is also referred to as the “Feast of Weeks” or the “Feast of Harvest”. (See **Leviticus 23**). Pentecost was one of the 3 major feasts (see **Exodus 23:14-17; Exodus 34:22-23; Deuteronomy 16:16**) that every Jewish man was required to observe and would come to the temple in Jerusalem.
- **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, is not running away this time. He, with the rest of the apostles received the Holy Spirit before Pentecost (see **John 20:22**). Here they are being “filled” with the ability to “declare the wonders of God” in these “devout Jews” languages. Up until this point, all Scripture was taught in either Hebrew or Aramaic; not in a person’s personal language. **This is a “sign”** that points to God; not a pattern. It is recorded to have happened in 2 other instances in Acts and those involved non-Jewish people to “confirm” God’s plan for ALL nations; just not the nation of Israel. (See **John 10:16**). This also serves as a “sign of judgement” to those who refuse to recognize this sign.
 - Today, our “filling” happens through our daily time of study and fellowship in the Word of God. As our time with God “fills” us it will fuel our prayers and give us the boldness, as it does with Peter in this chapter, to declare the truth of Who God is no matter what threat we may face.

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?

Note: As we discussed previously, 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. These devout Jews will “hear” and by “hearing” what God is saying, they will receive healing faith.

- Write out **Romans 10:17:**
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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 it’s 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 _____.

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Day 4 (Acts 2:16-21); cont'd

- **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 **Acts: 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?
 1. _____,
 2. _____,
 3. _____.
- 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**:

- Write out **Romans 14:11**:

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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.