

Lesson #3 Coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

Opening Shot:

It was time. Even before His Crucifixion, Jesus had promised His disciples to send the Holy Spirit. After His Resurrection, He had walked and talked with them for 40 days. Before He ascended to the Father, He promised them again that the Holy Spirit would come. Now it was ten days after Jesus' Ascension. It was Pentecost, and it was time.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (OPTIONAL)

John 16:7 *"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."*

Acts 1:4-5 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) What's a Pentecost, and do I want one?
- 2.) How did the Holy Spirit come to the disciples? Did He knock or use a doorbell?
- 3.) Why would Jesus think it was so important for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Leviticus 23:9-16 The Jewish Festival of Firstfruits (Pentecost) was held 50 days after the Sabbath following Passover. Jesus ascended 10 days prior to that year's Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-4 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* **Acts 2:5-12** The people visiting Jerusalem heard them "declaring the wonders of God" in their own tongues. **Acts 2:13** The people said they were drunk.

Acts 2:14-36 Peter's reply and his first sermon. **Acts 2:37** The people asked "what must we do?" **Acts 2:38-39** *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call."* **Acts 2:41** *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

Acts 1:8 *"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Parting Shot:

The Holy Spirit came with great power. This amazing gift from God of Himself gave the disciples great power to talk to others about Jesus. They were able to speak in all the languages of the people listening. They preached with great ability and effectiveness. Three thousand people repented and became followers of Jesus on that very day, and they received the Holy Spirit. From that time until this the world has never been the same. The church (The Body of Christ here on earth) had come into being. It was time.

