

Jesus Christ's work through the Apostles in Jerusalem

Lesson 2 Preaching to the "Preachers"

".... and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judae'a, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

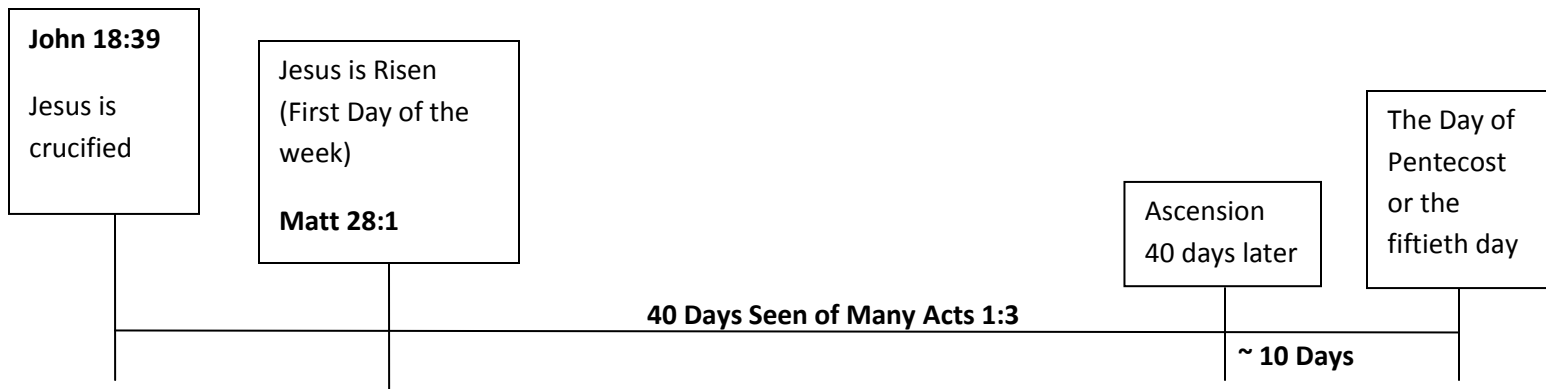
Introduction: Acts chapter 2 opens with the fulfillment of the promise Jesus made in John concerning the Holy Ghost and as we just saw in Acts chapter 1 with the command to wait. After the fulfillment of this promise we see the first of many miracles that act as a sign to the Jewish people and for the spread of the Gospel. Also, toward the end of the chapter we will see characteristics of a healthy church body.

I. Pentecost fulfilled

- a. **(V1)** Pentecost – means literally fiftieth day

Note – "Pentecost is mentioned only 3 times in the Bible: Acts 2:1, 20:16 and 1 Cor 16:8"

- i. The old testament name was the "feast of weeks" **Exodus 34:22** or Day of Firstfruits
1. **2 Chronicles 8:13**
 2. **Deuteronomy 16:16**
 3. **John 19:14**



II. Evidence of a fulfilled promise

- a. **(V3-V4)** The significance of this event was that it fulfilled the words of Jesus to the Apostles; it was what they had been waiting for.
- i. "rushing mighty wind"
1. Wind – Symbolic for the Holy Ghost (**John 3:8**)
 2. Same Greek word for wind
- ii. "cloven tongues like as of fire"
1. Fire – purging/cleansing in the Bible

- a. **Prov 25:4**
- b. **Matt 3:11**
- c. **1 Cor 3:13**

iii. The results of the Holy Spirit: “As the Spirit gave them utterance”

III. God’s timing and His ways

- a. **(V4-V5) The Speaking with “other tongues”**
 - i. Was purposeful (a noun or a verb)
 - 1. Fulfilled scripture **Mark 16:17**
 - 2. **1 Corinthians 14:1-24**
 - 3. **V6**
- b. **(V6-V11) The Provided Opportunity**
 - 1. Feast of weeks
 - a. Required every Jewish male in Jerusalem
 - 2. God is still in the business of providing opportunity for us
 - a. **1 Tim 2:4**
 - 3. The people groups present
 - a. **Parinthians – modern day Iran**
 - b. **Medes – part of the Parthian Empire**
 - c. **Elamites – southwestern Iran**
 - d. **Mesopotamia – those between the Tigris and Euphrates**
 - e. **Judea – region controlled by David and Solomon**
 - f. **Cappadacia and Pamphylia – from Asia Minor to modern day Turkey**
 - g. **Egypt**
 - h. **Lybia and Cyrene – African continent**
 - i. **Rome – Italy**
 - j. **Cretes – the island of Crete**
 - k. **Arabs – from the desert region south of the dead sea**



- c. **(V12 - 13) Two groups of people**

- i. The “Were in doubt” “What meaneth this?” group
 - 1. V37 – Proof of the searching
 - 2. Two part salvation
 - a. The Drawing of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Man’s Choice
- ii. The “mocking” group
 - a. They were attacking the people V15
 - b. Truth will always stand

IV. Preaching to the preachers (The First Christian Sermon)

- a. (V14-36) Peter’s discourse
 - i. Peter corrects their wrong assertions V15-16
 - ii. He quotes the Bible and outlines their condition (Joel 2:28 - 32) V17 - 21
 - 1. This quote puts us in the “last days”

“The last days are farther along now than they were then and we are always drawing closer to the great and notable day of the Lord!”

- 2. Prophesying – to proclaim or preach
- 3. Future judgment and tribulation
- 4. The “whosoever” Gospel proclaimed
- iii. He preaches to them Jesus
 - 1. Speaks of the Validity of Jesus Christ V22
 - a. Miracles
 - b. Wonders
 - c. Signs

Note – The purpose of these things was as proof that Jesus was of God, more importantly was God.

- 2. Speaks of God’s omniscience(total knowledge) V23
 - a. His plan from the beginning
 - b. Prophecy – e.g. Psalm 16
 - c. **John 1:1-13**
- 3. Jesus is risen V24
 - a. **1 Cor 15:53-58**
 - i. For us the sting of death is no more because Jesus has taken care of sin for us
- 4. Peter again brings them back to scripture 25-35
 - a. V25 – 28 is almost a direct quotation from **Psalm 16:8-11**
 - b. Jesus often quoted scripture as did Paul
 - c. God’s promise to David **2 Sam 7:12-29**
- iv. Speaks of God’s plan of Salvation (V36 – 39)
 - 1. The result of God’s Word V37
 - a. They started out questioning, some mocking, then God’s word and the power of the Holy Spirit “pricked” their hearts
 - b. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God Verse
 - 2. The cry of the sinner V37

- a. Their unbelief was turned into belief
- 3. The answer for the World V38
 - a. "to all" – Whosoever
 - b. "the Lord God shall call" – Has to be drawn by the Holy Ghost
 - c. This was not a mere empty act of acceptance

V. Characteristics of the Church

- a. Baptism and addition (V41)
 - i. Those who were saved (believed) were baptized immediately
 - ii. Those who were saved and baptized were added unto the church
- b. Attributes of a growing church (42-46)
 - i. Continued in doctrine (Bible truth)
 - ii. Continued in fellowship
 - iii. Continued in breaking of bread
 - iv. Continued to be unified
 - v. Continued to give and care
 - vi. Continued in God's house daily
 - vii. Continued to give God the glory
- c. The result of these attributes (47)