

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Pentecost

² ¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly out of the sky came a sound like a strong rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared ³tongues as if of fire which parted and came to rest upon each one of them. ⁴All were filled with Holy Spirit and began to speak other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

⁵Staying in Jerusalem were religious Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered, all excited because each heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Full of amazement and wonder, they asked:

—Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸How is it that we hear them in our own native language?

¹²They were amazed and greatly confused, and they kept asking one another:

—What does this mean?

¹³But others laughed and said:

—These people are drunk.

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and, with a loud voice, addressed them:

—Fellow Jews and all foreigners now staying in Jerusalem, listen to what I have to say.

¹⁵These people are not drunk as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶Indeed what the prophet Joel spoke about has happened: ¹⁷*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on every mortal. Your sons and daughters will speak through the Holy Spirit; your young men will see visions and your old men will have dreams.*

¹⁸*In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants, both men and women, and they will be prophets.*

²²Fellow Israelites, listen to what I am going to tell you about Jesus of Nazareth. God accredited him and through him did powerful deeds and wonders and signs in your midst, as you well know. ²³You delivered him to sinners to be crucified and killed, and in this way the purpose of God from all times was fulfilled. ²⁴But God raised him to life and released him from the pain of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in the power of death. ³²This Messiah is Jesus and we are all witnesses that God raised him to life. ³³He has been exalted at God's right side and the Father has entrusted the Holy Spirit to him; this Spirit he has just poured upon us as you now see and hear. ³⁶Let Israel then know for sure that God has made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified.

⁴¹So those who accepted his word were baptized; some three thousand persons were added to their number that day. ⁴²They were faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the common life of sharing, the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³A holy fear came upon all the people, for many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴Now all the believers lived together and shared all their belongings. ⁴⁵They would sell their property and all they had and distribute the proceeds to others according to their need. ⁴⁶Each day they met together in the Temple area; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and simplicity of heart; ⁴⁷they praised God and won the people's favor. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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