

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Sunday morning, May 24, 33)

Acts 2:1–13

- 1 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- 3 And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven residing in Jerusalem.
- 6 When this sound occurred, a crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
- 7 Completely baffled, they said, “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”
- 8 And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language?
- 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,
- 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!”
- 12 All were astounded and greatly confused, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”
- 13 But others jeered at the speakers, saying, “They are drunk on new wine!”

Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost (Sunday morning, May 24, 33)

Acts 2:14–41

- 14 But Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: “You men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this and listen carefully to what I say.
- 15 In spite of what you think, these men are not drunk, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.
- 16 But this is what was spoken about through the prophet Joel:
 - 17 *‘And in the last days it will be,’ God says,
‘that I will pour out my Spirit on all people,
and your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
and your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.*
 - 18 *Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*
 - 19 *And I will perform wonders in the sky above
and miraculous signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.*
 - 20 *The sun will be changed to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.*
 - 21 *And then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’* [[Joel 2:28–32](#)]
- 22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man clearly attested to you by God with powerful deeds, wonders, and miraculous signs that God performed among you through him, just as you yourselves know—
- 23 this man, who was handed over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed by nailing him to a cross at the hands of Gentiles.
- 24 But God raised him up, having released him from the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held in its power.
- 25 For David says about him,
 - ‘I saw the Lord always in front of me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken.*
 - 26 *Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced;
my body also will live in hope,
because you will not leave my soul in Hades,
nor permit your Holy One to experience decay.*
 - 27 *You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of joy with your presence.’* [[Ps 16:8–11](#)]
- 29 “Brothers, I can speak confidently to you about our forefather David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 So then, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, [cf. [Ps 132:11](#)]

31 David by foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did his body experience decay.

32 This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it.

33 So then, exalted to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out what you both see and hear.

34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,

*‘The Lord said to my lord,
“Sit at my right hand*

35 *until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’* [[Ps 110:1](#)]

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were acutely distressed and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “What should we do, brothers?”

38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and each one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to himself.”

40 With many other words he testified and exhorted them saying, “Save yourselves from this perverse generation!”

41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

The Early Church (c. Summer 33)

Acts 2:42–47

42 They were devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and held everything in common,

45 and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need.

46 Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts,

47 praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.

Peter Heals a Lame Man at the Temple Gate (c. Fall 33)

Acts 3

Peter Heals a Lame Man

1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time for prayer, at three o’clock in the afternoon.

2 And a man lame from birth was being carried up, who was placed at the temple gate called “the Beautiful Gate” every day so he could beg for money from those going into the temple courts.

3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple courts, he asked them for money.

4 Peter looked directly at him (as did John) and said, “Look at us!”

5 So the lame man paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, stand up and walk!”

7 Then Peter took hold of him by the right hand and raised him up, and at once the man’s feet and ankles were made strong.

8 He jumped up, stood and began walking around, and he entered the temple courts with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 All the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 and they recognized him as the man who used to sit and ask for donations at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with astonishment and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

11 While the man was hanging on to Peter and John, all the people, completely astounded, ran together to them in the covered walkway called Solomon’s Portico.

12 When Peter saw this, he declared to the people, “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us as if we had

made this man walk by our own power or piety?

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate after he had decided to release him.

14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be released to you.

15 You killed the Originator of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this fact we are witnesses!

16 And on the basis of faith in Jesus' name, his very name has made this man—whom you see and know—strong. The faith that is through Jesus has given him this complete health in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brothers, I know you acted in ignorance, as your rulers did too.

18 But the things God foretold long ago through all the prophets—that his Christ would suffer—he has fulfilled in this way.

19 Therefore repent and turn back so that your sins may be wiped out,

20 so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and so that he may send the Messiah appointed for you—that is, Jesus.

21 This one heaven must receive until the time all things are restored, which God declared from times long ago through his holy prophets.

22 Moses said, *'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must obey him in everything he tells you.*

23 *Every person who does not obey that prophet will be destroyed and thus removed from the people.'* [[Deut 18:15–19](#)]

24 And all the prophets, from Samuel and those who followed him, have spoken about and announced these days.

25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, *'And in your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed.'* [cf. [Gen 22:18](#)]

26 God raised up his servant and sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each one of you from your iniquities."

Peter and John Arrested and Questioned by Annas and Caiaphas (c. Fall 33)

Acts 4:1–31

Peter and John are Imprisoned

1 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests and the commander of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them,

2 angry because they were teaching the people and announcing in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

3 So they seized them and put them in jail until the next day (for it was already evening).

4 But many of those who had listened to the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

Annas and Caiaphas Question Peter and John

5 On the next day, their rulers, elders, and experts in the law came together in Jerusalem.

6 Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others who were members of the high priest's family.

7 After making Peter and John stand in their midst, they began to inquire, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, replied, "Rulers of the people and elders,

9 if we are being examined today for a good deed done to a sick man—by what means this man was healed—

10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, this man stands before you healthy.

11 This Jesus is *the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, that has become the cornerstone.* [[Ps 118:22](#)]

12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved."

13 When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and discovered that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized these men had been with Jesus.

14 And because they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say against this.

15 But when they had ordered them to go outside the council, they began to confer with one another,

16 saying, "What should we do with these men? For it is plain to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable miraculous sign has come about through them, and we cannot deny it.

17 But to keep this matter from spreading any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."

18 And they called them in and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John replied, "Whether it is right before God to obey you rather than God, you decide,

20 for it is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard."

21 After threatening them further, they released them, for they could not find how to punish them on account of the people, because they were all praising God for what had happened.

22 For the man, on whom this miraculous sign of healing had been performed, was over forty years old.

The Disciples Pray for Courage to Preach the Gospel

23 When they were released, Peter and John went to their fellow believers and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said to them.

24 When they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one mind and said, “Master of all, you who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them,

25 who said by the Holy Spirit through your servant David our forefather,

*‘Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot foolish things?*

26 *The kings of the earth stood together,
and the rulers assembled together,
against the Lord and against his Christ.’* [[Ps 2:1–2](#)]

27 “For indeed both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, assembled together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

28 to do as much as your power and your plan had decided beforehand would happen.

29 And now, Lord, pay attention to their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your message with great courage,

30 while you extend your hand to heal, and to bring about miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God courageously.

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