

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-23 - *Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit*

1 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

20 After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

22 And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone His sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Acts 2:1-8, 41 - *The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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A Closer Look - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-8, 41

1. The Feast of Pentecost was a time to celebrate God's blessings. Who came for this celebration? *(Jews from every nation under heaven came to Jerusalem.)*
2. What sound was heard? *(A sound like a violent wind)*
3. Were the apostles the only ones that heard the sound? *(No, the God fearing Jews in Jerusalem also heard the sound.)*
4. How did the Holy Spirit appear? *(As tongues of fire)*
5. What could the apostles do after the Holy Spirit came? *(They could speak in the languages of all present.)*
6. How did the believers react? *(A great crowd gathered in bewilderment)*
7. How many were baptized that day? *(3000)*
8. What does the Holy Spirit do in your life? *(He keeps you in the faith. He gives you the power to forgive the sins of others.)*