

# Session 17

## Pentecost: *The Holy Spirit Comes to the Disciples*

**Main Point:** Through the Holy Spirit, God is calling, forming, and empowering a community of people into a new life centered on Jesus.

**Key Verse:** Acts 2:2-4

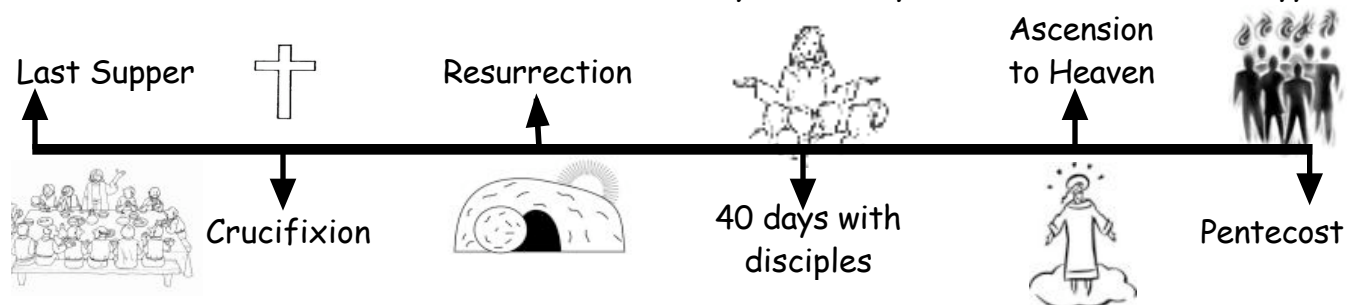
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**Timeline: The Last 50 Days Since Passover**

*Put the following events on the timeline in order of when they happened:*

*\*Pentecost \*Crucifixion \*Ascension to Heaven \*40 days with disciples \*Resurrection \*Last Supper*



**Who is the Holy Spirit?**

**In John 14:26, who is the Holy Spirit? GOD**

**Look up the following verses and write down what they say about the Holy Spirit.**

<b>John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>BRING US TO SALVATION.</b>
<b>John 14:25-26; 16:13</b>	<b>TEACHES AND GUIDES US ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.</b>
<b>John 16:8</b>	<b>CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN.</b>
<b>John 14:17; Romans 8:9-11</b>	<b>DWELLS WITHIN US AND RAISES US FROM THE DEAD.</b>

## **Read Acts 2:1-18;37-41**

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.



Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "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." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

1. In this story, how did God show the disciples the Holy Spirit was present?

**TONGUES OF FIRE RESTED ON THEM**

2. How did the disciples know the Holy Spirit was there even though they could not see him? **A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND.**

3. How did the presence of the Holy Spirit affect the disciples?

**THEY WERE ABLE TO SPEAK IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN THEIR OWN.**

4. How did the presence of the Holy Spirit affect the lives of those who witnessed this event? **THEY WERE AMAZED AND CONFUSED BECAUSE THEY HEARD THEIR OWN LANGUAGES BEING SPOKEN.**

5. What message did the foreigners hear from the disciples? **THE WONDERS OF GOD.** Was everyone equally convinced of the Holy Spirit's power? **NO** How do you know? **SOME THOUGHT THEY HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK.**

6. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, how did he call, form, and empower them for ministry? **THE SPIRIT CALLED AND EMPOWERED THEM TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS. MANY ACCEPTED THEIR MESSAGE AND BECAME CHRISTIANS.**