

ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST AND BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Introduction: Luke wrote his Gospel to reveal Christ's work to save us. He wrote Acts to record Christ's work through the Spirit in believers' lives to be His witnesses to build churches in many parts of the world.

Lesson Aim: Learn how the first church in Jerusalem is an example to churches today.

Memory verse: You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Promise of the Spirit – 1:1-26

A. Establishment of the Spirit's Coming 1:1-5

1. What was the promise of the Father? 1:4-5

B. Endowment of the Spirit's Coming 1:6-11

2. What gift was promised to the disciples by the Holy Spirit? 1:8
3. What were they to do with this gift? 1:8
4. What promise did two angels give to the disciples? 1:11

C. Expectation of the Spirit's Coming 1:12-26

5. Where did the believers go after they saw Jesus ascend to Heaven? 1:12-13
6. What two things did the believers do while they waited for the Spirit's coming? 1:14 and 1:15-26

II. Baptism of the Spirit – 2:1-47

A. Effect of the Spirit's Coming – 2:1-13

7. How did the Holy Spirit reveal Himself when He came to the believers? 2:2-3
8. What were the believers able to do when they were filled with the Holy Spirit? 2:4
9. How did the people respond to the believers that spoke in their foreign languages? 2:12-13

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B. Explanation of Christ's Ministry and the Spirit's Coming – 2:14-40

10. What prophet did Peter use to prove these believers were filled with the Spirit? 2:16-18
11. How did this prophet say that a sinner is saved? 2:21
12. What prophet did Peter use to prove that Jesus was raised from the dead? 2:25-32
13. What prophet did Peter use to prove that Jesus is now at the right hand of God? 2:33-35
14. How did Peter conclude his message that convicted the people? 2:36-37
15. What did Peter tell them to do? 2:38

C. Evidence of the Spirit's Coming – 2:41-47

16. How effective was Peter's message when he was filled with the Spirit? 2:41
17. What is proof that people are truly saved when they make a profession? 2:47