

The Message of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-41

Jesus was raised from the dead.



Jesus ascended and is at God's right hand.



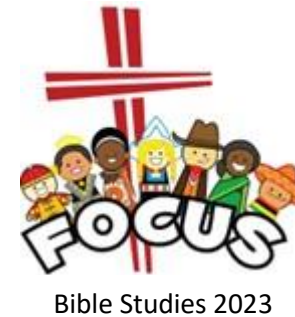
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit.



Now are the Last Days, before the Day of the Lord.



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Have you ever tried to explain the gospel to someone before? How did it go?

Read Acts 2:1-41

This passage describes what happened on the day of Pentecost. For the Jewish people Pentecost was a festival held on the 50th day after Passover (also called the feast of weeks). It involved giving the firstfruits of the harvest to God and thanking him for his provision. It was also associated with the law being given to Israel at Mt Sainai – this festival is the reason that there were Jewish people from so many language groups in Jerusalem at the same time.

Can you think of other times in the bible where wind and fire have been significant?

What tongues are the disciples enabled to speak?

According to Joel what will happen in the last days?

Why is it important that Jesus' death was part of God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge?

What are the key points from Peter's speech?

According to Peter who is Jesus?

Psalm 16

Psalm 110

Application:

Who was Peter speaking to? What difference does that make? How are we similar to and different from the original hearers?

Peter uses the scriptures they are already familiar with, to persuade them of who Jesus is – Would this be persuasive for your friends? What is a starting point you could use to help them understand who Jesus is?

This message demands a response. 3000 people accept and believe the message in one day?! Do you believe that people will respond when you share the gospel with them? What stops you from sharing the gospel with your friends?

How can knowing that we live in the last days motivate us to tell our friends about Jesus?

THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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