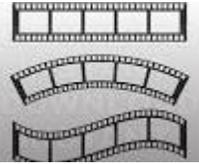


Acts 2 - Lesson 3



1. **Summary of Events:** Write down the location, specific witnesses and what happened in each scene of this chapter.

Scene	Passage	Location	Who are the witnesses?	What happened? Think about the power that was received and how were these people were witnesses of Christ?
2.1	2:1-4			
2.2	2:5-13			
2.3	2:14-36			
2.4	2:37-42			
2.5	2:43-47			

How do these events relate to the overall theme of the book?

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own-language to which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." ¹² And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them:

"Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; ¹⁸ EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT
And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,
BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. ²⁰ 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO

BLOOD,

BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

²¹ 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says of Him,

'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

²⁶ 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;²⁷ BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

²⁸ 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

²⁹ Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ And so, 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, ³¹ he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. ³² This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. ³⁴ For it was not David who ascended 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.'"

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each 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 off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

2. Take a moment to write out our memory verse for this week: Acts 1:7-8.

3. Read through Chapter 2 and underline each time you see a reference to God and Jesus. Write what you learn about them what you learn about them from this chapter. The HOLY SPIRIT is also a key theme, so your observations will be noted in the next question.

God:

Jesus:

4. Highlight/mark key words and write down what you learn about them and how they continue to express the theme of Acts.

HOLY SPIRIT-

POWER-

WITNESSES-

5. Acts 2:8 says “And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?” This tells us that there were Jews living in Jerusalem who grew up in other places in the world. We know that the Jews were scattered some 700 years earlier when the King of Assyria came and conquered Northern Israel and carried them off in captivity to his homeland. It continued with Southern Israel being taken to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-7) and about 10,000 others with King Jehoiakim. Among these were Ezekiel and one of the ancestors of Mordecai, the cousin of Esther (2 Kings 24:10-16; Ezekiel 1:1-2; Esther 2:5-6). Jesus talked about these Jews who were living among the Greeks in John 7:3-4.



Circle all the places mentioned in Acts 2:5 on the map above. What does this tell you about the possibilities for the spread of the gospel from the day of Pentecost?

6. Have you noticed that this book is full of sermons? To help us in our study, I will put a box around the verses that contain a sermon so that we pay special attention to them to as we make our way through the book of Acts. You may notice that while the message of the gospel is the same, the people to whom the Apostles/disciples are preaching have different backgrounds. However, we must understand that everyone who has been born of the Spirit must understand these four essential elements in order to be saved:

Sovereign: God alone is the all powerful, holy, creator king who must be obeyed. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1-2; 1 Peter 1:16; Isaiah 44:6; and Daniel 4:34b-35)

Sinner: All have rebelled against God, deserving the eternal punishment of hell. (Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 3:4; Romans 6:23; and 2 Thessalonians 1:9)

Savior: Jesus Christ (the Messiah), the Lord will judge His enemies and save His friends through His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. (Mark 1:21; Luke 2:11; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 4:12; and John 14:6)

Summons: You must repent from your sin and believe in Christ to be saved. (John 3:16; Mark 1:14-15; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

Each sermon in Acts is tailored by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to emphasize certain aspects about God, sin, Jesus or repentance depending on the audience.

- ◇ Who is the audience in Acts 2?
- ◇ What passages of scripture are quoted? Why do you think this is?
- ◇ What is said about **Sovereign**?

- ◇ What is said about **Sinner**?

- ◇ What is said about **Savior**?

- ◇ What is said about **Summons**?

7. How can you APPLY what you learned? You can use the acronym EPICS to help us look for specific ways.

Examples to follow:

*Look specifically at Acts 1:42-47 where we see the model set by our spiritual ancestors. List at least 10 practices/attitudes set for us to follow.

Promises to expect:

Identity reminders:

* What is your role as a wife and mom in the local church? How are you to be an example and include your children?

Commands to follow:

Sins to forsake:

8. Pray for 5 people with whom you wish to share the gospel each day this week. Pray for these souls aloud with your children. List them below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.