

## THE DISCIPLES AFTER THE RESURRECTION: Acts 2:5-47

The disciples waited in the upper room and prayed while they waited. The room was filled with a mighty rushing wind and cloven tongues like as of fire sat on the heads of the 120 who were there and all were filled with the Holy Spirit and began praising God in a new language they were never taught. It was on the day of Pentecost and people from all parts of the known world were gathered in Jerusalem for the celebration. Those people heard the disciples praising God in their native languages and were amazed because they recognized that those who were speaking were all Galileans and they were not taught the languages in which they were speaking. Some mocked, saying they were drunk with wine.

In reality, the 120 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, receiving the gift that the Father had promised to pour out on all flesh in the last days. (Joel 2:28-30)

As we continue to study; THE DISCIPLES AFTER THE RESURRECTION; we will focus on Peter's response to those who mocked and to those who were in amazement. (Acts 2:5-47)

### PETER EXPLAINED WHAT HAD HAPPENED:

Peter explained that they were not drunken as they supposed, but what they were witnessing was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Joel 2:28-30. Notice the sermon Peter preached in response to the event. He did not have time to go home and prepare a sermon. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, he responded. His explanation was based on the word of God. He quoted Psalm 16:8-11; showing that David prophesied that Jesus would be resurrected. His body would not decay. (25-28; 2 Kings 2:10; Neh. 3:16; Psalm 132:11; 2 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 89:3, 110:1)

HE TESTIFIED to the people the fulfillment of prophecy. Listen to Peter's boldness in Acts 2:22-24. He said you have taken, referring to Jesus, and by wicked hands have crucified. He was no longer hiding, instead he was pointing out to them the evil they did when they took Jesus and

crucified Him.

Peter's testimony was to show the people that Jesus who was crucified is the Messiah. Acts 2:22-24, 32-36

#### HE ANSWERED THEIR QUESTION:

When the people heard Peter's explanation and testimony, they asked them, what should they do. There should be a response to every anointed message, and people should be given the opportunity to respond. Peter was no longer the coward who was afraid to witness that he knew Jesus. In his response to the crowd, he boldly declared to them who Jesus is and that they crucified Him due to their ignorance. He did not tell stories or say things to make the people feel good. He preached the word and testified about Jesus. His boldly delivery under the anointing of the Holy Spirit a message that stirred the hearts of the people in such a way that they wanted to act on what they heard in a positive way. Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit. He further explained that the promise was for them and their descendants. They could start the process of passing on a legacy to future generations by repenting. (38-40)

#### THE OUTCOME:

About (3,000) three thousand individuals responded to Peter's message, resulting in the beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ, which He said He would build, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18) It is interesting to note that the Bible mentioned those who were baptized and added to the disciples; it does not say those who raised their hands by saying that they wanted to repent. It mentioned those who took action and were baptized, testifying to the world that they wanted to be identified with those who were Christ's followers.

All continued daily praising God, having fellowship and prayer, visiting in homes and as they did their part by living according to the Apostles' doctrine; the Lord added to them daily those who were being saved. A revival started in Jerusalem then Judah and Samaria that continues to this day as we are privileged to be a part of the body of Christ. Luke was careful to record these events, but the book of Acts focuses on the Apostles Peter, John and Paul and their ministries.

All the followers of Jesus were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. Remember that there were 120 in the upper room, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. On that day, after Peter's responded, about three thousand (3,000) were added to them. Those added were individuals from all over the world. They took the gospel to their respective countries as they went, they shared their experiences of what happened on the day of Pentecost. It was different from previous gatherings on that day. We have no record of the effect they had when they returned, but they will be rewarded for their labor, and we will celebrate with them in heaven.

Next week we will begin to look at the apostles Peter and John starting in Acts chapter three and see their activities after they were filled with the Holy Spirit.