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Bible Band

Lesson 6 January 27, 2026

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPED  
PETER PREACH A POWERFUL  
SERMON

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## **Background Reading:**

- ❖ Ecclesiastes 12:9
- ❖ Luke 8:1-3; 9:6
- ❖ Acts 8:4
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:12-17
- ❖ 2 Timothy 3:13-17

## **Devotional Reading:**

- ❖ Acts 3:11-26

## **Guiding Questions:**

1. How did Peter know what to preach to that group of people?
2. What caused people to be willing to listen to Peter?
3. How can the believer help the sinners in his life?
4. How did the Holy Spirit help Peter as he preached?

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## Background Reading

**Ecclesiastes 12:9** And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

### Luke 8:1-3

**1** And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

**2** And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

**3** And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

**Luke 9:6** And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

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## Background Reading

**Acts 8:4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-17**

**12** Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

**13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

**14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

**15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

**16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

**17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

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## Background Reading

### 2 Timothy 3:13-17

**13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

**15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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## Devotional Reading

### Acts 3:11-26

**11** And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

**12** And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

**13** The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

**14** But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

**15** And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

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## Devotional Reading

### Acts 3:11-26

**16** And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

**17** And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

**18** But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

**19** Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

**20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

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## **Devotional Reading**

### **Acts 3:11-26**

**21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

**22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

**23** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

**24** Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

**25** Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

**26** Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.



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## **Central Verse**

### **1 Corinthians 1:21(KJV)**

“For after that in wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”

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## **INTRODUCTION**

It seemed that Peter had become the official spokesman for the disciples and the band of Saints that Jesus had left. After the Pentecost experience, when he preached and 3,000 souls were added to the Church, it seemed that he was given the job as the leader of the Church. So, once again he finds himself preaching to a group of interested people. This group of people had watched the crippled man get healed and they were in awe at what had been said by Peter. They realized there was a power greater than any ordinary man that gave Peter the opportunity to preach and to tell them about the man who had led them for three and a half years, Jesus Christ. Peter's preaching that day helped men and women to find purpose, true fulfillment, and a transformed life that could point others to Christ.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Peter and the other disciples were newly filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were in awe of what God was doing. Every believer who has the Holy Spirit should look for and take advantage of every opportunity that comes his way to share the message of Jesus Christ. Knowing how the Holy Spirit experience has changed their lives, they were willing to do as Peter did and share the powerful Word with all who were willing to hear.

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## **DISCUSSION**

There are many people who really want to have a closer relationship with God, but don't have a clue where to start. The believer has the power to help them to come into a real relationship with God – a relationship that is not so formal, not too intimidating, or ineffectual. The believer's experience with God can help people to get to know God more intimately and experience the same power that healed the crippled man and gave him a new life. All Scripture is given by God. His Word is intentional, exact, and infallible, and all of His Word is profitable for every season and aspect of a person's life. God's Word can transform anyone who reads it with an open heart and receives it. Peter was preaching, but he did not have a printed Bible as we have today. He had the Old Testament and the words and life of Jesus to share with the people.

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## **DISCUSSION**

It brings great pleasure to God when believers share the message of Jesus Christ. So, Peter told the people that God had chosen to bless them with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the condition of their repentance. Some of God's people fail to recognize that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)). Many of them are not aware that all unrighteousness is sin, and that all sin must be turned away from and repented for. Then they must receive Jesus and embrace His teaching.

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## **DISCUSSION**

The Holy Spirit was so powerful in Peter that as he preached, he was able to tell the people about the fundamental values and standards to which each one of them could aspire. He was able to help them navigate a blueprint of a disciplined life, living out faith through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. He let them know that what they saw were the results of the same Jesus who was crucified on the Cross, died, was buried, and rose from the dead. He had gone back to His Father in Heaven, making it possible for men to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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## **DISCUSSION**

The people knew about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, so Peter was able to show them that Jesus was a part of their lineage and that the God of their fathers had glorified His Son, Jesus Christ, whom they delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, who wanted to let Jesus go. Peter told them that they denied the Holy One and desired a murderer instead of Jesus. He told them that they killed the Prince of Life, but God raised Him up from the dead. Now they had to repent, convert, and have their sins blotted out, so that when the time of refreshing came from the presence of the Lord, they could receive salvation.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Peter was able to tell those listening about the Gospel of Jesus Christ during his sermon, and he made them aware of how powerful the Holy Spirit was by giving them the Word from the Old Testament. Because they knew the Old Testament and the Law, they were able to receive the Word that Peter gave them. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe. Seeing the crippled man being healed opened their hearts and minds to receive the Word that Peter preached on that day.



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## **CONCLUSION**

When a believer has the gift of the Holy Spirit, he has the power to break down walls of resistance against salvation and to help men and women repent of their sins. Because the preacher was wise, he was able to use the right words that led to repentance and salvation. Even before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Jesus Christ and His disciples went throughout their area preaching and showing glad tidings of the Kingdom of God. And Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many other women ministered unto Jesus of their substance. These same women, along with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, were part of the Upper Room group, and they, too, received the baptism and the power of the Holy Ghost. For this power was poured out upon men and women alike.

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# **ESSENTIAL THOUGHT**

**He that wins souls must be wise and led by  
the Spirit of God; for the Father draws, the  
Son saves, and the Holy Spirit seals them**

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# **NEXT LESSON**

**February 3, 2026**

**Lesson 7**

**The Holy Spirit is Yet at Work in**  
**Peter, John, and the Believers**