

Acts 2:1–4 (NIV)

- 1) The day has come! Jesus did not tell the disciples exactly what day it would be but, here it is – Surprise!
- 2) It was most appropriate for the day to be on this festival day – Pentecost.
 - a) Pentecost was the 50th day after Passover.
 - b) It was an agricultural festival day on which farmers brought the first sheaf of wheat from their crop to be offered to God.
 - i) They also were offering prayers that the remainder of the crop would be good.
 - c) Beyond that, we have to remember the Passover celebrated the exodus from Egypt and the time when the Israelites were saved from the avenging angel.
 - d) Fifty days later after making their escape and passing thru the Red Sea into the desert, they arrived at Mount Sinai where Moses received the law.
 - e) Obviously, Pentecost is much more than just a festival day.
 - f) In the mind of the devout Jew, it is about God giving to his redeemed people **the way of life by which they must carry out his purposes.**
 - g) True for Mount Sinai and true for this very important God-determined day as well!
- 3) The general consensus is that the “all” of the all gathered together in one place denoted the 120 followers that were mentioned in 1:15 and were the core group around the 12 disciples.
- 4) What an absolute mind-blowing experience – this loud noise followed by the tongues of fire landing on each of them.
- 5) However, there was not really any time to contemplate the event because the Holy Spirit entered them and the mission began immediately.
- 6) They were all given the ability to speak in different tongues and to speak out.