Acts Lesson 2 (2024)

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

(Acts 2:1-21)

**Open it:**

1. If you could speak another language fluently, which would you choose? Why?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verse 1. What group of people was gathered in Jerusalem at the time? (5) What is the significance of the day of Pentecost in the Jewish calendar? How does the Old Testament background, particularly the festival of Pentecost, contribute to understanding the passage? (Lev. 23:15-16)
2. Read verses 2-5. What specific details does the passage provide about the coming of the Holy Spirit? How is the arrival of the Holy Spirit described, and what symbols are used to convey this event? When the Holy Spirit filled the believers, what did they do?
3. Read verses 6-13. How did the God-fearing Jews visiting Jerusalem react to the disciples’ speaking in various languages? Besides being amazed, how did the crowd respond to the unusual event?
4. Read verses 14-21. What was Peter’s defense? (15) What did Peter mean by “in the last days”, and how does it contribute to understanding the timing of the events?
5. Explore the significance of the phrase “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.” Who is included in “all flesh,’ and what does this imply? What natural and celestial phenomena are described? Analyze the statement, *“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

**Apply it:**

1. How can you be more open to seeing, hearing, and feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, prayer, and Bible reading?