

# ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES

## Power, Preaching and People

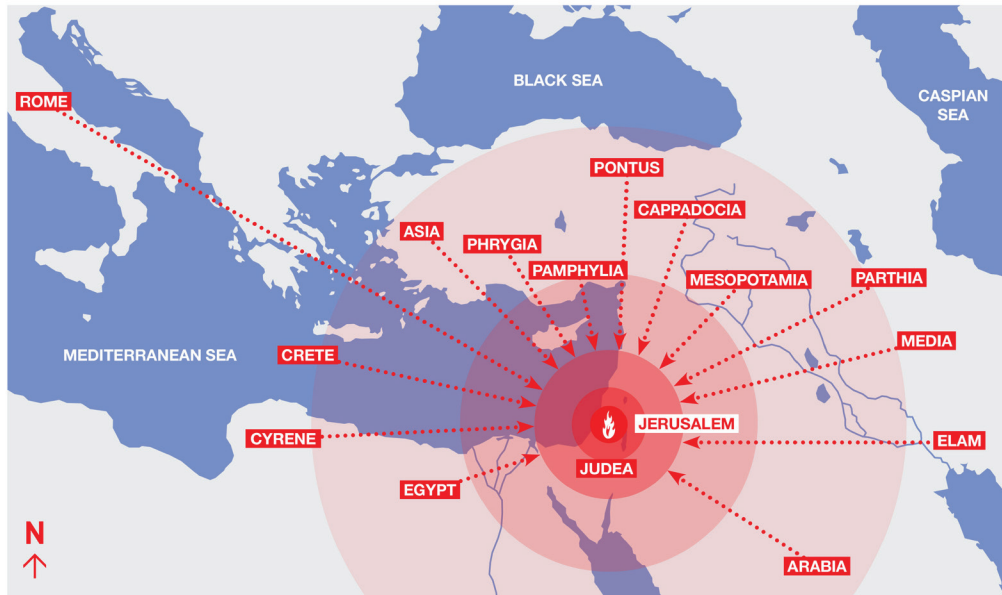
Introduction: Luke writes the gospel letter with his name and this account about the "Actions of the Apostles." Today let's see the powerful opening of the kingdom of God and the response of those who accepted the message of salvation in Christ.

### I. Power & Preaching from the Holy Spirit (2:1-13)

- Pentecost fully come 50 days after Passover 10 days since Jesus ascended.
- Who are "they" in verse 1? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:45-53; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 1:21-26)
- "In one place" Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- When has fire been associated with God speaking in other Scriptures?
- When the apostles began to "speak in other tongues" what were they speaking? \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:8)
- Jews from all over the Roman empire were present and heard.

### THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

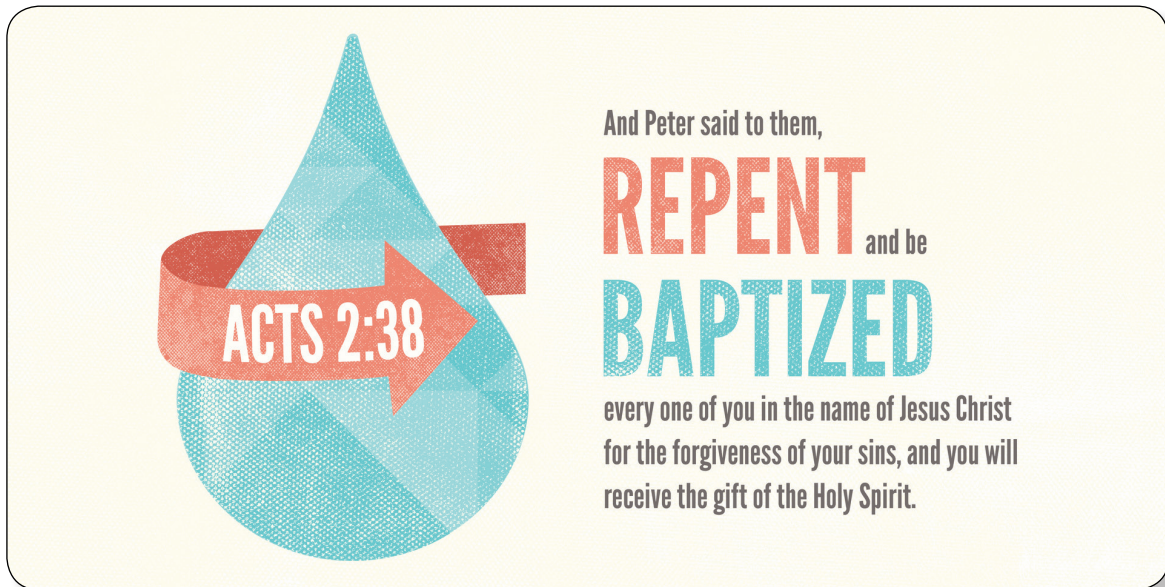
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Law of Moses (Mt. Sinai)	Gospel of Jesus (Mt. Zion - Jerusalem)
50 Days after Passover in Egypt	Pentecost 50 days after Passover observance
God's presence illustrated by signs (Ex. 19:18)	Signs of a sound of wind and symbols of fire
3,000 died (Exodus 32:28)	3,000 saved
Fear of the people (Exodus 19:16)	Rejoicing of the people (v. 46)
Pentecost was an offering of first fruits	First fruits of the gospel from all nations

## II. Peter's Inspired Sermon (2:14-41)

- Why is Peter the one who speaks? \_\_\_\_\_
- Peter's words are recoded ("*Peter, standing with the eleven*" - "*They*" - Apostles)
  - vs. 16-21 Joel's prophecy (Joel 2:28-32)
  - vs. 22-24 Jesus' works, wonders, signs, killed, buried, arose
  - vs. 25-28 David's prophecy (Psalm 16:8-11) & fulfillment
  - vs. 34-35 David's prophecy (Psalm 110:1)
- The conviction of the audience
- "Therefore..." vs. 36 - What is Peter's conclusion? \_\_\_\_\_
- Resonse v. 37
- Acts 2:38 - And Peter said to them, "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*"



- The "*gift of the Holy Spirit*" is either "a gift from the Holy Spirit" or "a gift which consists of the Holy Spirit."
- For further study consider: John 7:37-39; Acts 5:29-32; Rom. 8:1-27; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Gal. 3:2; 5:22-23; Eph. 1:13-14; 3:14-19; 1 John 4:12-13
- Note the relationship between verses 21 and 38 (cf. Matthew 7:21-23 and Acts 22:16)
- v. 40 "*many other words*"
- v. 41 - What were those who were baptized added to? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  - Acts 8:12; Acts 14:22; Acts 19:8; Acts 20:25; Acts 28:23; Acts 28:31; Colossians 1:13-18

## III. Fellowship & Dedication of Christians (2:42-47)

- What were they devoting themselves to?
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- Who were doing "wonders and signs"? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were fellow Christians willing to do for one another?  
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- Why might this have been practically necessary at this time?  
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