

Assignments on Acts 2

Read Acts 2 then answer these questions:

1. **Define** “Pentecost” – 2:1. (Think: Study Old Testament cross-references and determine what day of the week Pentecost fell on.)

2. Describe the coming of the Holy Spirit – 2:2-4. (Think: Study the context and list evidences that show whether the Spirit came on just the apostles or on all the 120 – 1:15.)

3. Who was present in Jerusalem for Pentecost, and where were they from – 2:5-11?

4. List **passages** elsewhere showing that “tongues” can refer to human languages.

5. **Special Assignment:** List evidences that show the nature of the “tongues” in Acts 2 (i.e., were they languages or just meaningless, ecstatic emotional expressions)?

6. List other **passages** elsewhere that talk about supernatural “tongues.”

7. What did the people who received tongues talk about – 2:11,12?

8. What explanation did some of the audience offer for what had happened – 2:13?

9. **Case Study:** Some people claim to speak in tongues today just like the event described here. Summarize the characteristics of tongue-speaking as described here.

10. List reasons you can find (if any) that identify this event as the fulfillment of the promise of Acts 1:4-8 concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit. Add to this list as we proceed through the chapter.

11. What reason did Peter give to show the apostles were not drunk – 2:14,15?

12. What Old Testament passage did Peter say was fulfilled by the events on Pentecost – 2:16-21? Give **book/chapter/verse**.

13. List some of the things the prophecy said would happen.

14. **Case Study:** Some people claim “the last days” refers to the time shortly before Jesus’ second coming. Study passages where the phrase is used and explain its meaning.

15. **Define** “prophecy” and “vision.” (Think: How were the events of vv 19,20 fulfilled?)

16. What did the prophecy say a person must do to be saved? (Think: Study this expression. Does it always refer to prayer? Note v38 and Acts 22:16.)

17. Whom did Peter tell the people about beginning in 2:22?

18. Read 2:22-36 and summarize the theme of Peter’s sermon.

19. We will notice three main proofs Peter used to show Jesus is the Christ. What proof did he use in 2:22?

20. **Special Assignment:** What was the purpose of miracles? List other **passages**.

21. Despite the works Jesus did, what did the people do to Him – 2:23? (Think: To whom is Peter speaking here and whom is he accusing of having killed Jesus?)

22. List several **passages** confirming that God knew what would happen to Jesus even before He sent Him. (Think: Who were the “lawless men” by whose hands Jesus was crucified?)

23. Despite the people's treatment of Jesus, what did God do for Him – 2:24?
24. What prophet is quoted in 2:25-28, and where is this prophecy found? (Think: To what does "Hades" – "hell" in KJV – refer?)
25. Explain how Peter proved that this prophecy was not fulfilled in David himself – 2:29-31. Who and what did he say the prophecy was actually talking about?
26. In your own words explain Peter's argument in 2:29-31. How did he connect the prophecy in vv 25-28 to his conclusion in v32?
27. What additional proof did he give in 2:32 to show that Jesus had been raised? (Think: How does this connect to the work of apostles and the coming of the Holy Spirit?)
28. Study the expressions "upon his (David's) throne" (v30). What does this tell you about Jesus' kingdom and when it began?
29. What passage is quoted in 2:34,35? What did it say about where Jesus is? (Think: Study the passage in the Old Testament and determine what Jesus would be doing at this place?)
30. Study other **passages** about Jesus at God's right hand, and explain what this tells you about Jesus' kingdom and when it began. (Think: Consider also 1 Cor. 15:20-28.)
31. What did Jesus send when He was exalted to God's right hand – 2:33? (Think: Explain how this ties in with Acts 1 about the coming of the kingdom and of the Holy Spirit.)
32. Summarize Peter's conclusion and list the three main evidences he used to prove Jesus was Lord and Christ.

33. Describe the effect of Peter's sermon on the people. What did they ask – 2:37? (Think: Why did the people ask this? What was their spiritual condition at the time?)

34. What did Peter tell the people to do – 2:38?

35. **Define** "repent," and list other **passages** that show its importance in salvation.

36. Does "for remission of sins" mean baptism is necessary to receive remission of sins or because one already has remission? How does context help answer this question?

37. **Case Study:** Some people claim baptism is not essential to receive forgiveness of sins. How would you use v38 to respond?

38. Who may receive the promise of 2:38,39? (Think: What is the "gift of the Spirit"?)

39. What else did Peter say to the people – 2:40?

40. What response did the sermon receive – 2:41? Summarize what people did to be forgiven. (Think: What does the passage teach about the need to obey to be forgiven of sins?)

41. What did disciples do after conversion – 2:42? Find a **passage** elsewhere about each of these acts.

42. How did the disciples show care for one another – 2:43-47?

43. Where did the disciples break bread – 2:46? To what does this refer? Proof? (Think: Are common meals a church function or individual activity?)

44. How were people added to the number from then on – 2:47? (Think: How do people become members of Jesus' church? Can we be saved outside the church?)