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Lesson No. 1

The Life of Peter - Pentecost



Acts 2: 1-42



Acts 2: 38

Suggested Further Reading

Luke 24: 49

2 Peter 3: 18

Jude 20 & 21

It was the Day of Pentecost! The word 'Pentecost' actually means 'fifty'. It was a Jewish Festival celebrated on the 50th day after Passover, in commemoration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. This, however, was to be no ordinary Pentecost, for on the Pentecost described in the Bible Reading something very special happened.

The risen Lord Jesus had instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem, for the promised gift from the Father about which He had told them. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus was taken up into Heaven. The disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the Day of Pentecost, which took place ten days later.

As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost, what did they hear and see?



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What did they do?

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A great crowd gathered around them. These people came from many different nations, but were now staying in Jerusalem.

What did they hear?



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How did the people feel? (Verses 6, 7 & 12)

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What question did they ask each other? (Verse 12)

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Some made fun and mocked, saying the disciples were drunk.

Peter began to speak to the crowds. He replied to their mocking and went on to answer the serious questions posed by many of the crowd.

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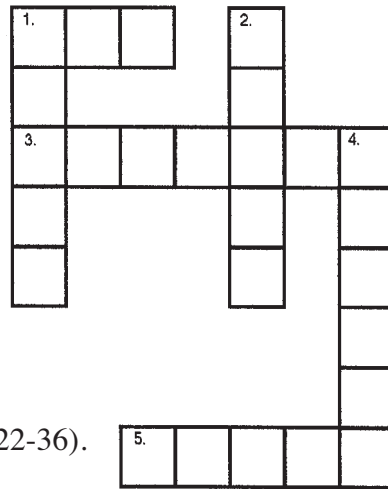
This Crossword is based on Joel's prophecy. (Acts 2: 17-21)

Clues Across

- 1. This will be turned into darkness.
- 3. The young men will see these.
- 5. One of the words used to describe the Day of the Lord.

Clues Down

- 1. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be _____ .
- 2. The moon will be turned into this.
- 4. God said that He would pour out His _____ on all flesh in the last days.



Focus now on what Peter said about Jesus of Nazareth (verses 22-36).

What had God done through Jesus among the people?

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Who did Peter say had crucified Jesus?

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Who raised Jesus from the dead?

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According to verse 33, where is Jesus now?

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How did the crowd feel when they heard Peter's words?

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What question did they ask Peter and the rest of the apostles?

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Peter explained exactly what was required of them in the Key Verse.

What two things did they need to do?

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Their sins would then be forgiven.

What gift would they receive as a result?

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The church was growing in numbers day by day. These new Christians also grew in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus as they listened to the apostles' teaching and joined in the other activities of the church.

Write down three of these activities from verse 42.

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All those who are trusting in the Lord Jesus need to give attention to these same things if they are going to grow as Christians.

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Lesson No. 2 The Life of Peter - Healing a Lame Man



Acts 3: 1-26

Suggested Further Reading

Psalms 103: 1-5 Acts 13: 26-39



Acts 4: 10

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WORD SEARCH

The names of five men mentioned in the Bible Reading are hidden in the WORD SEARCH. Put a circle round each name AND also write their names in the boxes below. Then beside each name, write a sentence about the person. You will find something to write about each of them from the Bible Reading.

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On this occasion, the Lord, through the apostles, shows His compassion for ONE PERSON. God is still concerned about individuals ... He cares about each one of us ... He cares about you!

Peter and John were in the right place, at the right time, just where God wanted them! They were actually on their way to the Temple to pray, but on this occasion God had something else in mind for them. Peter used the opportunities God gave them:

- i) to tell the lame man about Jesus Christ of Nazareth and what He could do for him.
- ii) to share the Gospel of Christ with all the onlookers.

Which verse tells us that the crippled man was immediately healed?

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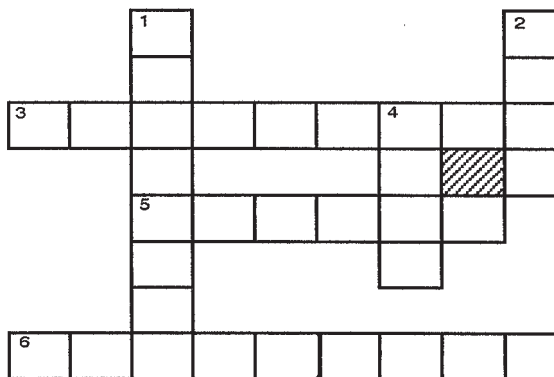
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Clues Down

- 1. One of the things the man was doing as he went with the apostles into the Temple court.
- 2. A precious metal used as money.
- 4. A part of the man’s body that became strong.

Clues Across

- 3. The name of the Temple gate.
- 5. Another precious metal used for money.
- 6. Peter took the lame man by this (two words).



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In the Gospels, the Lord Jesus Himself did miracles, (Mark 2: 10 & 11) but here in the Acts, the apostles performed them ‘in His Name’.

Which two verses link ‘His Name’ with the miracle?

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Write out the Key Verse which also explains this.

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And so, all the praise and glory for this miracle go to the Lord Jesus and not to the apostles themselves. It was God’s power and not their own, that healed this man, as Peter is quick to point out. Faith in the name of the Lord Jesus had made the man strong. Peter again made his message personal and challenged each one present to repent and be converted, through turning to God.

What does he say will happen to their sins as a result?

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The Lord wants to pour out His blessings upon all who turn to Him from their wicked ways. The lame man’s deliverance from a lifetime of helplessness naturally produced joy and praise (verse 8).

Similarly, those who have been rescued from their sin should have joy in their hearts, and much praise to God their Lord and Saviour.



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Lesson No. 3

The Life of Peter - Before the Sanhedrin



Acts 4: 1-31

Suggested Further Reading
 Luke 12: 11 & 12 2 Timothy 1: 8 & 9; 4: 2 1 Peter 2: 20-24



Acts 4: 13

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1. Peter and John before the Sanhedrin Council (verses 1-22).

In the Bible Reading, Peter and John are still in the Temple by Solomon's Porch addressing the people gathered around them. With them is the lame man whom Peter has just healed in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Who came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people?

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About what were they upset?

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So they arrested them and put them in jail until the following day, when they were brought before the Council in Jerusalem. The Council consisted of a large number of important men from the Jewish community.

Fill in the boxes:-

The name of the High Priest.

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The three members of his family, who are named.

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Three other groups of people.

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Peter, only a few months before, had been afraid to stand up for Jesus, (John 18: 17, 25-27) but now he demonstrated what a difference the coming of the Holy Spirit had made in his life. Peter boldly stated his convictions as to who the Lord Jesus is (verses 8-12), so much so that the Council was astonished at the courageous words of both Peter and John. In part, their astonishment arose from the fact that the apostles were from a humble background.

What does the Key Verse say the Council knew about the apostles?

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The Sanhedrin concluded that the change in them was due to the fact that they had been with Jesus. You, too, may be an ‘ordinary person’ who does not have an important place in society. The thing that matters, however, is this: Do you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? If you do, then the Holy Spirit has come to live in your heart and He will give you the words to say when you are under attack about your faith. Christians have to make a stand for the Lord, especially at home and at school. But you’re not on your own! The Holy Spirit is with you and will help you. (Luke 12: 11 & 12)



What did the Council ask Peter and John?

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What question did the Council discuss among themselves?

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The healed man was living proof that the miracle had really happened the day before, and the Sanhedrin knew they could not pull the wool over the people’s eyes about that. Unfortunately, they weren’t actually interested in the truth or in people. They were concerned only with themselves and what would happen to them if this teaching about Jesus continued to spread.

What did they decide to do?

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Write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what Peter and John said in response to this command.

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In this chapter, Peter and John preached the Gospel, firstly to the ordinary people, and secondly to the Council. Their preaching provoked two very different reactions: the response of faith (verse 4) and the opposition of the Council (verse 18). However, the most striking feature of the chapter is not the fact of Jewish opposition to the apostles, but the way in which the believers in the Lord Jesus responded to it.

2. The Believers’ Response (verses 23-31).

What did the believers do when they heard from Peter and John what had happened to them?

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They started with an outpouring of praise to God as Creator (verse 24), and as Sovereign Lord, whose plans can never fail (verse 28). They did not request that the opposition be silenced or that they be protected from their threats.

Explain, IN YOUR OWN WORDS, what they asked God for (verses 29 & 30).

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God answered the first part of their prayer immediately (verse 31) and as we read through the rest of the Acts, we find He also answered the second part. We have a God who delights to answer His people’s prayers.

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Lesson No. 4

The Life of Peter - In Prison



Acts 12: 1-19



1 John 5: 5

Suggested Further Reading

Psalm 4: 8

Luke 11: 9 & 10

Ephesians 3: 20 & 21

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Much has happened since Peter and John stood before the Council in the last study. The opposition to the early Christians had continued.

To discover what happened next, put the following statements in the right order by putting the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes.

- The angel struck Peter on the side (shook him by the shoulder).
- Peter was asleep between two soldiers.
- The chains fell off Peter's wrists.
- Herod had Peter arrested and put in prison.
- A light shone in the cell.
- Peter went to Mary's house.
- Peter followed the angel out of the prison.
- Herod had James put to death.
- Peter dressed himself and put on his sandals.
- An angel suddenly appeared.



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Why did Herod have Peter arrested?

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First of all, the story teaches us about faith or trust in God. Here is a man guarded by sixteen soldiers, bound with chains, awaiting the dawn of his execution day. Yet Peter is sleeping so soundly that the angel has to strike him to wake him up! Only a man trusting in God could sleep under such circumstances.

Look up and write out Psalm 4: 8.

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An important principle of the Bible is illustrated by the way in which Peter was rescued from prison. The angel broke the chains and opened locked doors, but Peter had to dress himself and find his way home. God will do the impossible but He leaves the rest to us.



It is our responsibility to do the very best we can in God's service, but we must at all times trust Him for the final result.

There is also a lesson in prayer. The church was earnestly praying for Peter but they certainly weren't expecting a miraculous escape.

How do we know this? Give a full answer IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

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Sometimes when we pray, we don't really expect God to answer. It is reassuring to know that answers to prayer depend ultimately, not on our faith, but on God's faithfulness. God often answers prayer in an unexpected way and gives us better things than we could ever imagine.

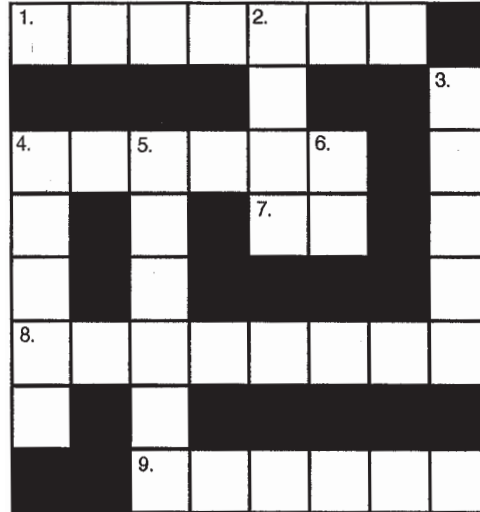
CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1. What were the people doing in Mary's house?
4. Peter wasn't sure at first if what was happening to him was real. He thought it was a _____ .
7. Did the girl open the door immediately?
8. Herod left Judea to spend a little while here.
9. From which chapter in the Acts does the Bible Reading come?

Clues Down

2. The gate to the city was made of this.
3. The name of the girl.
4. The girl recognized Peter's _____ .
5. The angel left Peter in the _____ .
6. Herod had a thorough search made for Peter. Did he find him?



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Herod was a hard man. He showed no mercy to the guards. **What happened to them?**

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He had shown no mercy to James at the beginning of the chapter. If Peter had not escaped from prison, no doubt he also would have been killed. This event is an example of God's power being greater than man's power.

When we are Christians, we can rely on this same power working in us.

Write out the Key Verse.

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