

Meeting the Holy Spirit

Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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 - How did God prepare His followers for the baptism in the Spirit that was coming?

As review, how was this “baptism” functionally different than when they had “received” the Spirit at Christ’s first post-resurrection appearance to them back in John 20:19-22?



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 - How would you argue that Jesus sees God's Spirit as the *ultimate* “one who speaks from alongside” you?
 - How might that title be relevant even, say, at Pentecost...?
 - How does (or should) the Holy Spirit live out that role out in your own life?



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 - If we *keep* reading, how does Jesus flesh this out?
 - So is the Spirit the one who *convicts* us of sin, or the one who *advocates* for us when we sin?
 - How so?

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 - Are the Holy Spirit's actions here consistent with His overall Biblical ministry and purpose that we've seen thus far throughout both the Old and New Testaments? Why or why not?

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 - Read Acts 2:1
 - What exactly was “Pentecost” again?



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 - According to Jewish tradition, the fire of God blazed and God’s Spirit broke out into seventy different languages when Moses spoke the Law that first time



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 - It was also the day each year when the Jews celebrated the grain harvest being brought in (which is why it was also known as the “Festival of Reaping” or the “Festival of First Fruits”) (and—as God’s first fruits—every Jew thus had to present themselves before God at the Temple)



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 - So why might people have been primed for “Pentecost” at Pentecost?



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 - Read Acts 2:1-4
 - What stands out here as the most bizarre or exciting element(s) of this episode to you? And why?
 - What reason(s) do you think that God had for doing “Pentecost” this way?



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 - Read Acts 2:5
 - Why? Why were they all there in Jerusalem?
 - So what reason(s) do you think that God had for doing “Pentecost” this way, on this day?
 - Does the Holy Spirit still have the same mission and ministry of outreach through God's empowered people to draw other people to honor God today? Why or why not?
 - Do we?

