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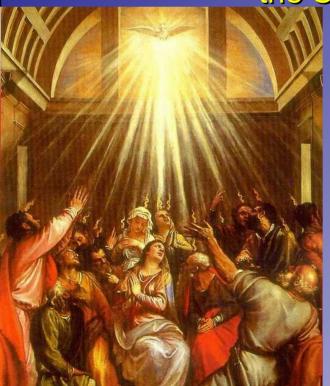
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How did God prepare His followers for the baptism in the Spirit that was coming?
As review, how was this "baptism" functionally different than when they had "received" the Spirit at Christ's first post-resurrection appearance to them back in John 20:19-22?





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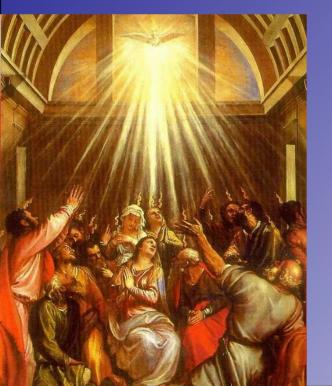
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—so would you translate that as a "counselor" or
an "advocate" or even a "comforter / protector in
time of intense need" or what?)

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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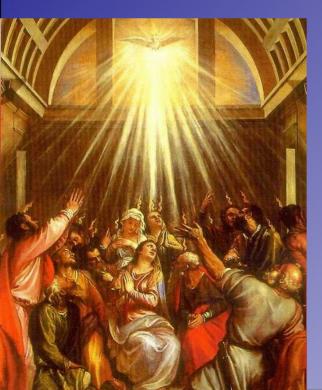
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 - - What exactly was "Pentecost" again?





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(and—as God's first fruits—every Jew thus had to present themselves before God at the Temple)







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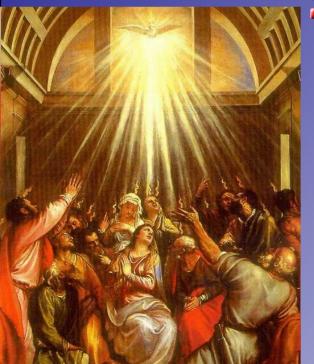




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 - - What stands out here as the most bizarre or exciting element(s) of this episode to you? And why?
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Why? Why were they all there in Jerusalem?
So what reason(s) do you think that God had for doing "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?

