Meeting the Holy Spirit Who Is He, and Why Don't We Know Him So Well?



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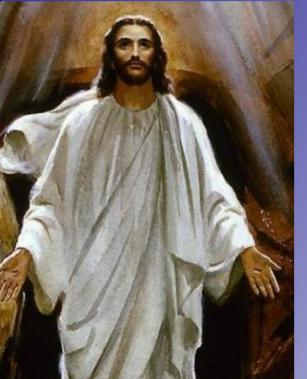
- The Spirit Before Pentecost
- The Explosion at Pentecost (part 2)
- New Life in the Spirit
- The Spirit and the Flesh
- Where the Rubber Hits the Road
- The Gifts of the Spirit



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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?

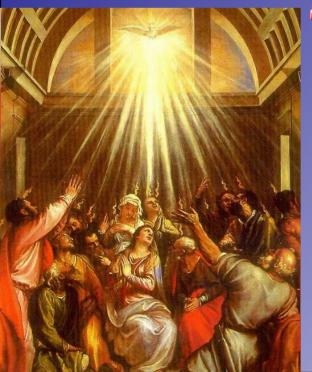




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- What stands out here as the most bizarre or exciting element(s) of this episode to you? And why?
 What reason(s) do you think that God had for doing "Pentecost" this way, and on this day?
 In what way(s) do you see God's Spirit working consistently from the beginning of Creation through Pentecost?





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What two reactions do people have in verses 12-13?

What reaction do you think that you would have had, if you had been watching them that day?

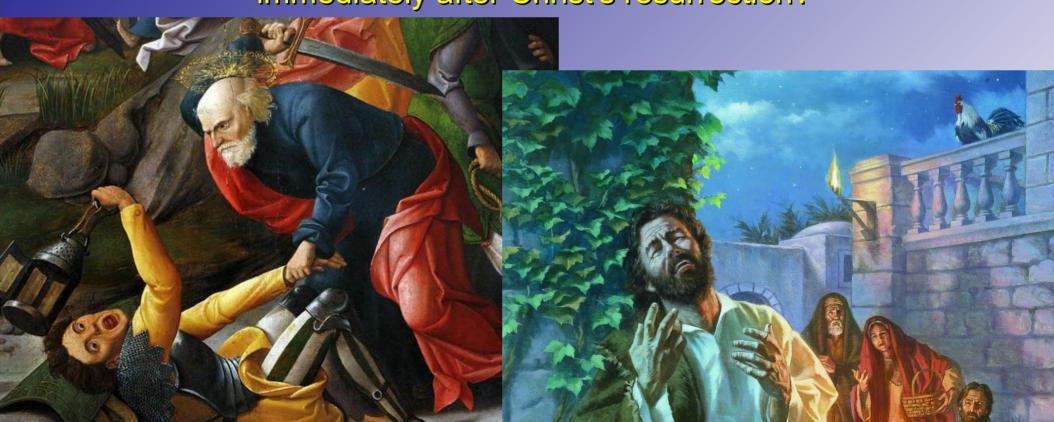
Everyone there was there for a worship service—so what about your basic way of looking at worship would make you think that you'd have reacted that way?





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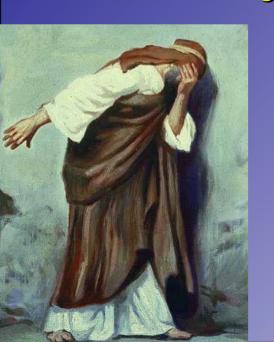


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(HINT: Remember 1 Samuel 10:6)





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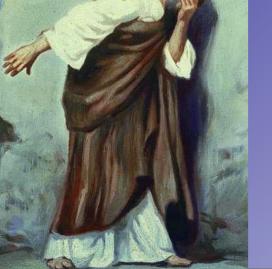
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How have you let the Holy Spirit change you?

(i.e.; how are you fundamentally different from how you were before you were a Christian—or, if that was too long ago, how are you fundamentally different from how you'd live as a non-Christian?)





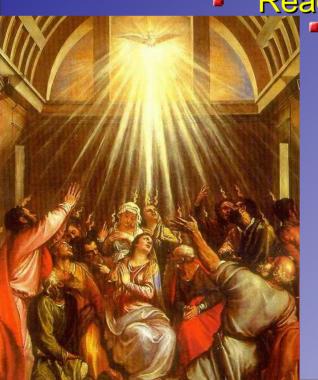
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 - So, being familiar with the prophecy that Peter quotes, and sitting in the Temple of God on Pentecost, what would the crowd be expecting?

 Does this help explain their reaction to his sermon in yerse 37?
 - From what you know about baptism and about Joel and about Shayuot and about Peter and about the Holy Spirit, why does he respond this way?
 How would you express this to anyone who might ask you today?

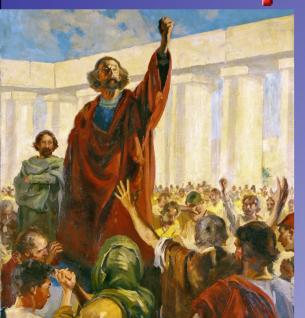
 Why on Earth would anyone ask you today?



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 From verse 14 to verse 36, Peter gives his first sermon ever

He quotes Joel and David in the Old Testament and confidently applies them to a modern context And then in one sentence (in verse 36), he confidently accuses the Jews regarding the crucifixion and affirms Jesus as his Lord and as the one, true Messiah Would you feel confident addressing a potentially hostile crowd like this with such a strong Gospel message? Would Peter have felt confident doing all of this a month or so before this?

So what changed? (see also Matthew 10:18-20, Mark 13:11, etc.)





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 - Read Acts 2:41-47
 - What were the end results of this explosion? What exactly happened that allowed for these

 - Is the Holy Spirit able to bring about these results even today through us?

 What would have to change for Him to do be able to accomplish that?

