

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

December 2, 2018

Acts 2:1-13

## READ

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Acts 10:44-48

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Set the scene in Acts 2 by answering . . .
  - WHEN does this happen?
  - WHO are the primary players?
  - WHERE does this (likely) happen?
  - WHAT is happening?
2. How is the baptism in the Holy Spirit (BITHS) described?
  - John 15:26; 16:7
  - John 20:22
  - Luke 24:49
  - Acts 1:8
  - Acts 2:17-18
  - Acts 2:38
  - Acts 10:44-45
3. Describe the two physical manifestations which initially accompany the BITHS. What was the effect of the first manifestation (v. 6)? How long did these manifestations present themselves? Were they ever repeated?
4. What are two immediate results of the BITHS for the apostles (v. 4)? Are these ever repeated (c.f., Acts 10:44-46)?
5. What is the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit?
  - Judges 6:34
  - Judges 14:6, 19
  - 1 Samuel 10:10

- 1 Samuel 19:23
- Luke 1:42-42
- Luke 1:67

What are the apostles empowered or equipped to do here that they could not do on their own? How does being filled with the Spirit differ from being indwelt by the Spirit?

6. Describe what is happening as the apostles speak with “other tongues” (vv. 4, 6, 8, 11). [Two words are used in the passage: “other tongues” (vv. 4, 11; literally, “different languages”) and “language” (vv. 6, 8; literally, “dialect”).] Why did the Holy Spirit so infill the apostles?
7. What is the substance of your testimony as an ambassador & witness of the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 11)? What gives your testimony power?
8. What do vv. 5 & 10 say about the crowd? How had there come to be “Jews . . . from every nation under heaven” (2 Kings 17:6; 18:11-12; 24:21; 2 Chronicles 36:20)? How is the day of Pentecost fulfilled (c.f., Exodus 23:16a)?
9. What reactions are expressed by the crowd (vv. 6, 7, 12, 13)?
10. What does Acts 2 (i.e., the day of Pentecost) mean in reference to 1 Corinthians 12:13? What does Acts 10 mean to 1 Corinthians 12:13?

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. I will sensitize myself to the Spirit’s living presence in me this week by . . .
2. I will seek to be “under the influence” of the Spirit this week by . . .
3. When I am confronted with the wonders of God, I will earnestly seek to answer, “What does this mean?” by . . .