

## The First Day of the Last Days

### Acts 2

<b>God</b>	<p>The prophet Joel spoke for God. Acts 2: 17. God did miracles through Jesus. 22. Jesus was handed over to death by God's set purpose. 23.</p> <p>God had promised David with an oath that his descendant (Jesus) would be placed on his throne. 30 God raised this Jesus to life from the grave in His physical body. 24, 31, 32.</p>
<b>Jesus Christ</b>	<p>Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs. 22. David always saw the Lord (Christ) before Jesus came to earth. 25-28. Jesus Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God until He makes His enemies His foot stool. 33-35. He is Lord and Christ. 36.</p>
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	<p><b>Day of Pentecost. 1. The glorious day of the Lord. 20.</b></p> <p>The Spirit enabled them to speak truth. (Eleven of the first apostles plus Matthias, 1:26). The people heard them in their own languages. 1-6. The Father promised Jesus Christ "the pouring out" of the Holy Spirit as was witnessed on this glorious Pentecost. 33.</p>
<b>Apostles</b>	<p>Peter stood up with the eleven and explained what was happening was because of the presence of the Holy Spirit. This had been prophesied by Joel. 14-21. Peter called the Jews in Jerusalem to repent. 36.</p>
<b>Believers</b>	<p>Baptism in the name of Jesus gave the forgiveness of sins to repentant sinners. 38. Repentant believers received forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. 38, 39. 3,000 were added to their number. 41. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship and to the breaking of bread and prayer. 42-47. The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Jesus built His first church). 47.</p>
<b>Jews</b>	<p>God-fearing Jews from several nations heard the apostles speak in their own language and they were amazed. 5-12. This included Jews and some converts to Judaism from Rome. 11.</p>
<b>Converts to Judaism</b>	<p>Some people mocked, saying they had too much wine. 13. Peter addressed some people (4) who knew about the miracles, wonders and signs Jesus had preformed. 22. Some of those Jews helped put Jesus to death. 23. A corrupt generation. 40. The believers still enjoyed favor with all the Jews in Jerusalem. 47. "Fellow Jews and <b>all</b> of you who live in Jerusalem." 14. This may have included some Gentiles. Jews (including Sadducees and Pharisees) with the help of wicked men had put Jesus to death by nailing him to the cross. 23.</p>

### Questions for Discussion

1. How did the fulfilling of Joel's prophecy impact this first day of the last days of time?
2. How did the fulfilling of God's promise to David impact this day?
3. What had God done, by His "set purpose," to prepare for this event on this Pentecost?
4. What might be the significance of Peter identifying Jesus Christ as "Jesus of Nazareth" in relation to the things that were happening on this day?
5. Peter proclaimed Jesus of Nazareth as "Lord and Christ." In relation to the people present on this day which identifying role would relate more to their past? Which role could apply to their future?
6. Jesus Christ had already become king before this Pentecost. How long would He reign?
7. The forgiveness of sins by a new baptism was offered to those who would repent of their ungodliness. To which of Jesus' roles would this relate. a. Priesthood. B. Kingship.
8. How many apostles stood up before the Jews on this day?
9. Those who repented and were baptized had their sins removed from God's mind according to the new covenant in Jesus' blood (Luke 22:20; Heb. 10:12). Who became a part of their fellowship until they died, physically, or stopped living by faith?
10. God, once again, "drew a line" between all the mature people on earth. The spiritual line was drawn between His people and those who were His prodigal children. Describe what determined the line for each mature person at the end of that day.
11. What was the identifying term that was used in Acts, chapter two, for the three thousand people who repented and were baptized? How would you identify the remainder of the mature people?
12. Describe the following activities in the camp of the 3000 believers:
  - a. Social.
  - b. Spiritual.
  - c. Educational.