

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Acts 2

What we will see in this chapter:

- The special powers the apostles received
- What Peter taught
- What happened as a result of Peter's teaching

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 3	1. What happened on the day of Pentecost?	When all the believers were gathered together, there was a sound like a strong wind. It filled the whole building. Then tongues like fire sat on all of them.
4 to 11	2. What happened then and what were they able to do?	They were filled with the Holy Spirit. They then began to speak in the languages of the people who had come to Jerusalem from many nations.
12 & 13	3. How did the people react?	Some were amazed; others accused the apostles of being drunk.
14 to 21 <i>Text note: Peter quotes from Joel 2 v 28 to 32.</i>	4. What did Peter say was happening?	Peter explained that they had just seen God's Spirit being given as predicted by the Old Testament prophet Joel.
22 to 24	5. What did Peter tell them about Jesus?	Peter told them that Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ did many miracles and signs by God's power ➤ was killed by wicked men ➤ was not worthy of death, so God raised him from the dead
25 to 31 <i>Text note: Peter quotes from Psalm 16 v 8 to 11.</i>	6. What did Peter say about David and what he foretold?	He said that David: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ had died and that they still had his tomb ➤ was a prophet ➤ was promised by God that the Christ would be a descendant of his who would sit on his throne ➤ foretold the resurrection of the Christ

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32 to 36 <i>Text note: Peter quotes from Psalm 110 v 1.</i>	7. What more did Peter say about Jesus?	<p>Peter went on to tell them that Jesus was the Christ who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ was raised to sit at God's right hand ➤ received from God the promise of the Holy Spirit ➤ had now given the apostles the Holy Spirit as they had just witnessed ➤ had been made Lord and Christ by God ➤ they had just crucified
37 to 40	8. What did Peter tell them to do?	He told them all to repent, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, so that they could save themselves from their crooked generation.
41 to 47	9. What did those who responded to Peter do?	The newly baptised believers had as their basis the apostles' teaching, breaking of bread and prayer. They shared everything and met together in the temple.

3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Peter considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 2.

Bible verse(s)	Suggested notes
v 22	The signs and wonders that Jesus of Nazareth did were a witness that he was approved by God.
v 23 and 24	Jesus' death was in God's plan, God then raised him from the dead.
v 29 to 31	Because of the promises God had made to him, David spoke about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
v 34 to 36	David said that God told his "Lord" to sit by God's right hand till his enemies were defeated. God had made Jesus, whom they killed, both Lord and Christ.
v 37 and 38	There is a need for all to repent and be baptised.