



Introduction



An architect's impression of the temple at Jerusalem where the early believers met (v 46).

Peter gives his message in the temple after the apostles have received the Holy Spirit. Having denied Jesus three times, he now witnesses fearlessly in Jerusalem. He tells his hearers that repentance, belief and baptism are all essential.

Questions

1. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles went out to speak to the people. Why were the people surprised by what they heard?
2. When Peter told them that they had crucified the "Christ", the people asked what they should do. What was Peter's reply?
3. What did those who gladly received his word (and) were baptised do afterwards?

Summary Points

- **v 1 to 13** The apostles receive special Holy Spirit powers enabling them to give their message in the languages of people from many countries listening to them (see information)
- **v 14 to 21** Peter explains that what they had just seen was predicted by the Old Testament prophet Joel (ch. 2 v 28 to 32)
- **v 22 to 40** Peter preaches some first-century Christian beliefs (see theme) to fellow Jews. He says that all who are baptised will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- **v 41** Those who receive the message are baptised
- **v 42 to 47** The newly baptised believers share everything and meet together in the temple. Their basis is the apostles' teaching, breaking of bread and prayer



Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Themes / Information

Nations at Pentecost

Map indicating the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2 v 8 to 11).



First-century Christian beliefs - Acts 2 (preached to Jews)

- **v 22 to 40** Peter preaches at Pentecost, he says:
 - 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 says that God told his Lord to sit by God's right hand till his enemies are defeated. God has made Jesus, whom they killed, both Lord and Christ
 - v 37 and 38** there is a need for all to repent and be baptized

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 6, Q 2: v 38, Q 3: v 42



Bible timeline

