

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41

Acts 2 records the first *New Testament* Pentecost. The Old Testament also had a Pentecost festival. You can read about it in Leviticus 23:15-21.

Exodus 23 reminds us that Pentecost was one of the three main festivals when “all your males are to appear before the Lord God (Ex 23:17).” The three main festivals were:

- Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover)
- Festival of Reaping (Pentecost; also called the Festival of Weeks)
- Festival of Ingathering (also called Booths or Tabernacles)

Compare Leviticus 23:9-11 with 1 Corinthians 15: 20

- What happened on the day after the Passover Sabbath?
- What happened 50 days (Lev 23:16, hence the name “Pentecost”) after the first sheaf was waved?

How did God let the apostles (and everyone else) know something special was happening?

Verses 8-11 list all the different people represented in Jerusalem on that day. How did they summarize what they were hearing?

Peter’s sermon is recorded in verses 14-36.

How did he proclaim the Law?

How did he proclaim the Gospel?

How did he proclaim the importance of the resurrection?

The Holy Spirit always works through means. What did the Spirit use to bring 3,000 to faith that day?

The harvest is still coming in! You and I are part of the harvest and our Lord uses us to proclaim the Gospel to bring even more to faith. May our God continue to bless your use of the Word as you grow in your own faith and then share it with others!