



## **Message Two – A SPIRIT-DRIVEN COMMUNITY**

**Acts 2:1-41**

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Last week we launched this series with a probing question in regard to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church...“Is this what Jesus had in mind?” Today, we go further in our look at the book of Acts in seeking the answer.

One thing we know for sure, the Ancient church was mission-focused (missional). The final words of Jesus in Acts 1:8, were their marching orders. But Jesus had told them not to begin until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit which the Father had promised them (Acts 1:4). This is where we will start today.

### **THE DAY**

*Acts 2:1-4, When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (NIV)*

Key words:

Pentecost: Jewish festival **50** days after Passover

Suddenly: without **warning**, **unexpectedly**, **quickly**

Wind and Fire: **movement** and **energy**

Filled: **controlled**, come under the **influence**

Tongues: unlearned **languages** of the nations

This day was not an event but the result of an event.

*Acts 2:32-35, God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. (NIV)*

*Jesus had been anointed (declared to be Lord and Christ) by the Father and was seated at the Father's right hand and the Kingdom anointing on him flowed to his church.*

## **BEFORE THE DAY**

In the final days of his earthly ministry, Jesus spoke extensively about this day (John 14:16-17; 14:26; 16:7; 16:13; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5; 1:8)

Before the day, the disciples were often **confused** and **afraid**.

## **AFTER THE DAY**

What a difference a day makes.

The church is filled with **courage and boldness**.

Their minds are kindled with keen **insight**.

Their preaching pierced people's **hearts**.

The results of their efforts were beyond **imagination**.

The ancient church was birthed in the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit.

The book of Acts is a record of a mission-focused, Spirit-driven community.

*Acts 17:6, These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. (NKJV)*

*1 Corinthians 2:1-4, When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God...My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.*