

"A Mighty Rushing Wind!"

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: What's the Day of Pentecost about?

Q: What's the miracle that occurred there?

READ: Acts 2:1-4 "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Backstory: The day of "Pentecost" happened 50 days after the Passover (Maundy Thursday). It was in conjunction with the "Feast of Weeks" (Leviticus 23:15-22) which was a Harvest Festival (which explains why ALL the people were in Jerusalem)!

Q: What was the "sign" of the coming Holy Spirit?

Wind: For additional examples of the presence of God being connected with "wind" see: 1 Kings 19:11, Job 38:1, Ezekiel 1:4

Q: According to verse 3, something else happened! What was it?

READ: "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Matthew 3:11

Q: How did Acts 2:3 fulfill what John prophesied in Matthew 3:11?

Q: What's significant about "fire"?

Q: The word "baptize" means "poured out". How were they "baptized in the Holy Spirit"?

READ: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." - John 3:8

Q: What does THIS mean?

Q: Why is the Holy Spirit mysterious?

READ: John 14:14-17 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

Q: Jesus promises us "help" in "keeping my commandments". What is the "help" He promises?

Q: Why is that helper necessary?

Q: What is the comfort in verse 16-17?

READ: John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

Q: What's the role of the Holy Spirit?

Q: "Who" does the Holy Spirit point us to, emphasize and remind us of?

READ: John 16:7-11 "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

Q: Why is to our "advantage" that Jesus "go away"?

Q: According to verse 8, what is the role of the Holy Spirit?

Q: What does it mean to "convict the world, concerning sin, righteousness and judgment?"

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