

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Part 2: Hope
Text: Acts 2:1-8

The appearance of the Lord after His resurrection shows us how He prepares each of us to _____ His purposes.

John 2:10-12 | 1 Corinthians 15:7 | James 1:1 | Gal. 1:19 | Psalm 138: 1, 2, 8

Matthew 13:55-58 (NLT) "He's just a carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers--James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. (56) All his sisters live right here among us. What makes him so great?" (57) And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family." (58) And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.

John 7:3-5 (NLT) ...and Jesus' brothers urged him to go to Judea for the celebration. "Go where your followers can see your miracles!" they scoffed. (4) "You can't become a public figure if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, prove it to the world!" (5) For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

Acts 2:1-8

The _____ of the Spirit was to enable the 120 to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world using disciples.

Exodus 19:16-19

The Day of Pentecost _____ His disciples into mighty men of the Lord who were ready to be martyred because of their love for the Lord.

John 20:19, 20 | Acts 19:30-33

Acts 4:19-24 (NLT) But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? (20) We cannot stop telling about the wonderful things we have seen and heard." (21) The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn't know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God (22) for this miraculous sign--the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years. (23) As soon as they were freed, Peter and John found the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. (24) Then all the believers were united as they lifted their voices in prayer: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them."

The church was birthed to be a _____ of the Good News to the uttermost parts of the world. The Lord's heart is to use all of us to show forth His Love to a broken world that needs a Savior.

Acts 11:20-26 | John 1:16 | 1 Corinthians 3:10 | Ephesians 3:7-11

Acts 13:42-44 (NLT) As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue that day, the people asked them to return again and speak about these things the next week. (43) Many Jews and godly converts to Judaism who worshiped at the synagogue followed Paul and Barnabas, and the two men urged them, "By God's grace, remain faithful." (44) The following week almost the entire city turned out to hear them preach the word of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:7-11 (The Message)

(7-8) This is my life work: helping people understand and respond to this Message. It came as a sheer gift to me, a real surprise, God handling all the details. When it came to presenting the Message to people who had no background in God's way, I was the least qualified of any of the available Christians. God saw to it that I was equipped, but you can be sure that it had nothing to do with my natural abilities. (8-10) And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ. My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels! (11-13) All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus. When we trust in him, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go. So don't let my present trouble on your behalf get you down. Be proud!

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. How has the Lord been "appearing" in your life to prepare you for His purpose?
2. Do you consider that you are a disciple? Why or why not?
3. What do you see yourself doing to help the "church" spread the Good News?