

# Sermon Notes

## I Believe In Miracles: Part 8

### April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- **I Believe In Miracles: Recap**
- Keeping first things first from **1 Corinthians 1:22-24**.
  - o When handled properly the deep spiritual and the deep intellectual are good!
- **Part 8: Pentecost**
- Set the Stage: Jesus taught, did miracles, fulfilled prophecy, died, and rose from the dead...
  - o Jesus had appeared to people. The 10, then Thomas, again with reinstatement of Peter, on the road to Emmaus, maybe the 500 before Pentecost??
  - o Jesus had told them to wait. **Acts 1:1-9**
    - Ever been ready to go but God says wait?? Take it from me, waiting gets more done.
  - o 7 weeks after the resurrection the next Jewish holiday has come, Pentecost.
    - Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks, was a harvest festival related to the grain harvest and was later associated with remembering the Law being given to Moses. A big thing everyone went to.
    - Jesus death and resurrection were at the time of Passover. Last supper was a Passover meal.
      - Clear symbolism: Christ our Passover Lamb.
      - Pentecost symbolism? I think so. Harvest, because this was the start of the New Testament Church's expansion. New Covenant: Holy Spirit over Law.
- The Upper Room: **Acts 1:12-14**. Probably the same group in Acts 2.
  - o These are the faithful. The ones who did not give up after the crucifixion.
  - o There were fair weather followers of Jesus back then just like today.
    - If things like music choices, Covid policies, or not getting attention from the pastor have thrown you off of following Jesus, then you are a fair-weather Christian.
    - It's time to get serious and be a faithful follower of Jesus.
- Tongues of Fire! **Acts 2:1-13** Wow! Now that is quite the miracle!!
  - o The Holy Spirit comes on them and they can speak other languages!! Symbolism??
  - o Talk about "you will receive power"!! This got everyone's attention...
  - o But, they got made fun of too.
    - That's part of the deal now too. If you are a Spirit Filled believer, some people will make fun of you. That's ok...as long as you are good crazy....
  - o Miracle followed by preaching, as per usual in the book of Acts.
- Peter's Sermon:
  - o Peter pastors the moment. **Acts 2:14-21**
    - Pentecostal expression still needs to be under authority and direction or you get wild fire.
  - o Peter's main points:
    - 1) These aren't drunk people, this is fulfilled prophecy. (also Matt Mark Luke John Acts...)
    - 2) You fair weather followers of God failed miserably. **Acts 2:22-24, 2:36-37**
    - 3) But there is forgiveness and the Holy Spirit for you too! **Acts 2:38-41**
      - 3,000 were baptized and came to follow Jesus that day! That's 25 x 120!!
      - This promise is for all! (v39) That includes you.
- My Life: Basic short testimony and the impact of the Holy Spirit on my life.
- Your Life: I hope you are a Spirit Filled believer in Jesus. If so, cultivate that more and more.
  - o If not, let me read **Luke 11:11-13**.
    - So, open your heart. Spiritual Gifts are for today. Hearing God's still small voice in your heart is for today. Walking in step with the Holy Spirit is for today.
  - o It's just as simple as **Acts 2:38**.
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