



***The Conference
Like No Other***

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The Easter Effect



After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Event of Pentecost



*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.

What was remarkable about the early Christians was their conviction, their passion, and their determination to act as Christ's embassy to a rebel world whatever the consequences.

Michael Green

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:16

The Message of Pentecost



Gospel witness to the Jews emphasized that the ancient Scriptures had at last been fulfilled, the promises had come true, and that this had been achieved in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Michael Green

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a Man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know.”

This Man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross.

But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.”

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Acts 2:32

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.

The resurrection is a historical fact like the death and burial, not an interpretation of an event; it was a reality that changed the direction of the witnesses' lives.

Darrell Bock

The Model of Pentecost



“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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GOD: created every human in His image, loves us, and makes each of us accountable to Him.

MAN (Humanity): all of us have rebelled against God, which is sin, and therefore each of us stands under God's rightful condemnation.

CHRIST: Jesus is God's intervention in a fallen world. Through His perfect life, death as our substitute, and resurrection in power, God offers us salvation.

RESPONSE: each person is called to respond to God's salvation offer through repentance and faith. The result is salvation, the forgiveness of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, inclusion in God's people, and the guarantee of eternal life.

**Those convinced of the
Risen Jesus cannot help but
declare the saving Gospel.**

