

Shavuot / Pentecost
Lesson #16
Acts 2:1-13

The resurrected Jesus had commanded his disciples, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." (Acts 1:4) Then the day of Shavuot came.

Shavuot Background

1. Shavuot (Hebrew pronounced *shav-woe'-t*) is also called the Feast of Weeks and Pentecost. It is one of the three solemn feasts decreed by the Lord. What was the significance of these three feasts? (Deuteronomy 16:16)

2. During those feasts, the Lord commanded that all the men of Israel were to come into his presence. Where was that place the Lord had chosen to meet with his people? (Exodus 23:17 & Habakkuk 2:20)

3. How is the date determined to celebrate Shavuot? (Deuteronomy 16:9)

4. According to the Jewish holy calendar, how many days would that be? (Leviticus 23:15 & 16)

5. During this festival, everyone was to come with an offering or sacrifice to the Lord. Using Deuteronomy 16:10:
 - What type of offering were they to bring?

 - What was the amount they were to give to the Lord?

6. According to Leviticus 23:16b-19, those offerings included the new grain, lambs, bulls and goats. What attitude were the people to have when they brought these offerings to the Lord? (Deuteronomy 16:11a)

7. Who was to come and celebrate this festival? (Deuteronomy 16:11b)

The Feast of Shavuot – Acts 2:1-13

8. When the day of the Shavuot arrived, where does Luke say that Jesus' disciples were located?

- Acts 2:1

- Lk. 24:52-53

9. In Acts 2:2, Luke refers to "*the house.*" This reference, when taken out of the culture, is most often misunderstood to mean the "*upper room*" where Jesus and his disciples had the Passover Seder. Where would the original audience have understood the location to be for "*the house?*"

- Joel 1:14

- Haggai 1:14

- Zechariah 8:9

10. What did the disciples hear during that Shavuot? (Acts 2:2)

11. What did they see? (Acts 2:3)

12. What were these followers of Jesus recognizing in that awesome display?
(Exodus 19:10,11, 16-20a)

13. The moment for which Jesus had told them to “*wait in Jerusalem*” had finally arrived. What took place next? (Acts 2:4)
14. Because Shavuot was one of the solemn feasts of the Lord, who was at “the house” that day?
- Acts 2:5

 - Acts 2:9

 - Acts 2:10

 - Acts 2:11a
15. When these people (not followers of Jesus) heard the sound, what did they do? (Acts 2:6a)
- Why? (Acts 2:6b)
16. The list of languages spoken is very impressive. In fact, all the known languages of the Roman Empire were represented there that day. Luke describes the crowd as “utterly amazed.” Why? (Acts 2:7b & 8)

17. What were Jesus' disciples doing? (Acts 2:11b)

18. What did Luke record as the various reactions of the crowd?

- Acts 2:12

- Acts 2:13