

The Power of Pentecost

Jesus

in the Gospel of John

The Power of Pentecost - Overview

- Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost
- The astonishing harmony of two Passovers and two Pentecosts
- The meaning and Power of Pentecost today

John 14:15-20: The Power of Pentecost Foretold

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

The First Passover: Backstory

- The Israelites were in Egypt for hundreds of years
- They were slaves and cried out to God to rescue them
- God sent Moses to free them
- Pharaoh had many chances to let the Israelites go
- Finally God killed all the first-born children in Egypt to change Pharaoh's heart
- The Israelites put the blood of lambs without defect on their doorframes and their children were spared or "passed over"

The First Covenant

- Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued but perished with his army in the sea trying to catch the Israelites
- A pillar of cloud by day and fire by night led the Israelites
- Seven weeks after Passover, God gave the 10 Commandments and the Law from Mount Sinai.
- This was the first covenant
- See the book of Exodus for the complete story

The *Paraclete*

- Jesus said he would send *"another Counselor to be with you forever"*.
- counselor (English) = παράκλητος "paraclete" (Koine Greek)
- Paraclete = counselor, or one who consoles, one who intercedes on our behalf, a comforter or an advocate

The Passover Connection: Isaiah 53:5-7

*5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

*6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*

*7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.*

The Passover Connection: Jesus, the Passover lamb

First

Passover:

blood of defect-free
lambs on wooden
door frames saves
the children of the
Israelis from death

Fulfillment of

Passover, AD 33:

blood of defect-free
lamb of God (Jesus)
saves the children of
God from eternal
spiritual death

Picture the Scene: Pentecost, AD 33

- Place: A room in Jerusalem
- With: Dozens of Jesus' disciples
- Remembering: Jesus' crucifixion, burial, resurrection, 40 more amazing days with Him, ascent to Heaven
- Why wait: Jesus said to wait in Jerusalem for power
- Time: A week after Jesus ascends to Heaven
- What Next: Pentecost (Shavuot), a festival commemorating the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.....and something astonishing is about to happen

Acts 2:1-13



The Power of Pentecost Revealed

- Sound of a violent wind
- Tongues of fire separate and come upon each
- Untrained disciples speaking the languages of other lands
- 3,000 added to their number
- Holy Spirit power given to do the works of Christ

Harmony of Passover and Pentecost

First Passover



50 Days



Giving of the Law
(Old Covenant)

Passover AD 33



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Law put in minds
and written on
hearts
(New Covenant)

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 - The Holy Spirit is now part of the life of every believer

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Pentecost opens a possibility to walk where the flesh no longer sets the agenda..... Walking in the Spirit is walking in the way of the cross with Holy Spirit leading."

Frank Bartleman

The Power of Pentecost in You and Me

The Power of Pentecost is available today....

Will we accept it?