# Lesson 2

## Acts Chapter 2

VERSE 1:

**God’s Chosen Time**. Fifty days after Christ’s resurrection, the Holy Ghost fell in the Upper Room. The Church was born on Pentecost at a time of great unity among Believers.

VERSES 2-4:

**God’s Chosen Manner**. Suddenly, by surprise – all of a sudden – unexpectedly. This was evidence of a move of God and not something choreographed by man. A **Sound** of a mighty rushing wind. Evidence the Holy Ghost was there. Cloven Tongues of **Fire** sat upon each of them. Evidence the Holy Ghost was on them **Tongue** – began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Evidence the Holy Ghost was in them.

VERSES 5-13:

**God’s Chosen Message**. The Holy Ghost is writing a message in the heart of the Believer! What is the Meaning of Pentecost? 2:12…*What meaneth this*?

Peter addresses the crowd in the following verses and explains that the mystery they witnessed was a message from God! The Comforter has come to put God’s law in our hearts.

VERSES 14-21:

Peter preaches. In his introduction, Peter called the attention of the people and quotes from his text in Joel 2:28-32. Peter preaches that the undeniably miraculous event they were witnessing was a message from God and affirmation of Christ as Messiah and Savior.

VERSES 22-24:

Jesus Fulfilled God’s Plan. Jesus was approved of God By miracles, wonders and signs. The crucifixion was according to God’s plan. The resurrection was fulfilled according to prophecy. All was done according to the foreknowledge of God

VERSES 25-31:

Jesus Fulfilled David’s Prophecy. David was a prophet of God. Christ to sit on David’s throne. Resurrection of Christ was foretold by David.

VERSES 32-36:

Jesus Fulfilled the Plan of God as the Exalted Christ. This Jesus hath God raised up. Jesus is exalted on the Right hand of God. Jesus is Lord and Christ.

VERSES 37-42:

The First Converts of the Spirit Filled Church. They gladly received his word They continued in the Word and prayer. A life changed is the greatest evidence of real salvation. They BELIEVED and APPLIED what was preached.

VERSE 43-47:

Life Among the Believers. Fear came upon every soul many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. They “were together” continuing daily with one accord in the temple. Praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved

## Acts Chapter 3

The Lame Man is Miraculously Healed

For many years a man lived his days lame. He was carried daily to the temple gate called “Beautiful” to ask alms (*a* *beggar*).. By Divine Providence, two “unlearned” and “ignorant” men who “had been with Jesus” passed near that impotent man. This man asked Peter and John, for mere alms, but ended up with a Blessing from the King of Heaven—his feet and anklebones were given strength!

VERSES 1-8:

V. 1,2 **The Place-** The gate called “Beautiful” of the Temple

V. 1 **The Time-** The hour of prayer, the ninth hour (from 12 PM to 3 PM)

V. 2 **The Man-** Lame from his mother’s womb, was carried to and laid daily at the Temple gate to ask alms, was accustomed to begging, was above 40 years old. [ch.4 vs.22]

V. 1,6 **The Apostles-** Peter and John, had no silver or gold, but had the power of God!

V. 6 **The Healer-** Jesus Christ of Nazareth

V. 7,8 **The Miracle-** his feet and ankle bones received strength, he leaped up, stood, and walked

VERSES 9-11

**The Reaction-** He praised God, the people glorified God [ch.4 vs.21], the people were filled with wonder and amazement, all the people ran to the porch of the temple greatly wondering and Peter and John gain a congregation! The power of God was manifested in the healing of the lame beggar (whom a lot of people knew—he sat there daily) and the people came running to the house of God ‘wondering’.

**NOTE:** Many enter Christian ministry because they have dreams of money or covet the spotlight. Even the well-intended minister can lose sight of the true purpose of sermons, songs and evangelism. In this chapter, we have a powerful example of true “ministry.” The purpose of Gospel ministry is not to preach a sermon or even to work a profound miracle. These are only the tools of ministry, but true ministry takes place only when the hearer is helped and God is glorified! The Christian minister is the **servant** of Christ and **debtor** to his generation. (Romans 1:1,14)

VERSES 12-26

Peter Preaches His Second Recorded Sermon, vs. 12-26

V. 12 INTRODUCTION- “Why marvel ye?”

V. 12,13 I. Jesus is the Healer, not Us

V. 13-15 II. God has Glorified Jesus, but You have Denied Him

V. 16-18 III. This Man has been Healed through Faith in the Name of Jesus, but You have been Filled with Unbelief Through Ignorance

V. 19 IV. REPENT and be CONVERTED

V. 20-26 CONCLUSION- Jesus is the Prophet the Prophets Spoke Of

1. It has been Told you Before
2. Jesus is the Blessing of the Covenant with Abraham
3. God has Chosen to Bless you First

**Lesson 2 Study Questions**

#### What did the sound from Heaven sound like? (2:2)

#### What did the disciples do as the Spirit gave them utterance? (2:4)

#### True or False. Only those living in Jerusalem witnessed the Day of Pentecost? (2:5-7)

#### The Disciples were heard speaking in many different languages, but what were they talking about? (2:11)

#### What did some say mocking? (2:13)

#### What Old Testament Prophet did Peter quote? (2:16)

#### What will happen to everyone who calls on the name of the Lord for salvation? (2:21)

#### Peter strongly accused the Jews of a grave sin. What was it? (2:23)

#### Did David prophecy concerning himself? (Give complete answer) (2:31-36)

#### What was the crowd’s overwhelming feeling after Peter’s sermon? (2:37)

#### What were Peter’s instructions for them after preaching? (2:38)

#### How many people were added to the Church on the Day of Pentecost? (2:41)

#### Who is the one responsible for adding to the church? (2:47)

#### At what time did Peter and John go up to the temple? (3:1)

#### For how long had the man been lame? (3:2)

#### What did the apostles give to the man begging for money? (3:6,7)

#### What was the lame man’s reaction? (3:8,9)

#### What was the crowd’s reaction? (3:10,11)

#### Who got the credit for the miracle? (3:12-16)

#### How was Jesus going to bless Israel? (3:26)