

July 3–9

Acts 1–5

“Ye Shall Be Witnesses unto Me”



# Christ Teaches For Forty Days

Acts 1:1-5, 8

What were some of the things that Jesus did while He tarried in Jerusalem for 40 days?

Why did Christ want them to wait until they received Holy Ghost?



## David B. Haight

“Perhaps no clearer declaration of fact has ever been made than those which tell of the literal resurrection of Christ. The record of appearances to the Apostles during the forty days following his resurrection—as a group or separately, to teach them ‘the things pertaining to the kingdom of God’ leaves no cause for doubt. John informs us that ‘there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written, ... even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written’ (John 21:25).” (CR, April 1985)

## Aurelius Miner

“The Savior [taught] for forty days prior to his ascension, and it is to be presumed that Christ gave [his] Apostles every particle of instruction they needed, for he cannot be accused directly or indirectly of leaving his work half done. For, says Christ, What more could I have done that I have not done? He gave them all the instruction needed to go forth as teachers and ministers to all nations and peoples.” (JD, 20:229)



## Dallin H. Oaks

“He told them, ‘Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ However, he cautioned them that their witnessing would be after they had received the Holy Ghost.

“An eyewitness was not enough. Even the witness and testimony of the original Apostles had to be rooted in the testimony of the Holy Ghost. [Joseph Fielding Smith] told us that the witness of the Holy Ghost makes an impression on our soul that is more significant than ‘a visitation of an angel’. And the Bible shows that when we testify on the basis of this witness, the Holy Ghost testifies to those who hear our words.” (CR, Oct. 1990)

# Christ Teaches For Forty Days

Acts 1:9-12

Why do you think it is significant that Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives?



## Ezra Taft Benson

“He had told his followers that he must soon ascend unto his Father in heaven. And as the time of his ascension drew nigh, the Lord in that last solemn interview gave his parting instructions to his disciples.... And while he yet spoke he rose from their midst until a cloud received him from out of their sight...

“Worshipfully, and with great joy the Apostles returned to Jerusalem. The Lord's ascension was accomplished. It was truly a literal departure of a material being, as his resurrection had been an actual return of his spirit to his own physical body. Now the disciples began to comprehend more fully that he had truly overcome the world.... There was victory over the grave, always, until then, the final conqueror of all men.” (CR, April 1964)

Bruce R. McConkie

“On this Mount is the Garden called Gethsemane where Jesus in agony took upon himself the sins of the world; here he now ascends in triumphant glory; and here he shall return in that same glory to begin his reign as Israel’s King.” (DNTC 2:28)



# Ordained a New Apostle

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

From verse 22- What is an apostle “ordained to be a witness” of?

Boyd K. Packer.

"The Twelve Apostles 'are called to be... special witnesses of the name of Christ in all the world.' Each carries that certain witness that Jesus is the Christ."  
("The Twelve Apostles," Ensign, Nov. 1996)

Henry B. Eyring

"I am grateful that I know as surely as did the Apostles Peter, James, and John that Jesus is the Christ, our risen Lord, and that he is our advocate with the Father."  
("Witnesses for God", Ensign, Nov. 1996)



## Ezra Taft Benson

"As one of those called as special witnesses, I add my testimony to those of fellow Apostles: He lives! He lives with resurrected body. There is no truth or fact of which I am more assured, or know better by personal experience, than the truth of the literal resurrection of our Lord." ("Five Marks of the Divinity of Jesus Christ," Ensign Dec. 2001)

## James E. Faust

"Mine is the certain knowledge that Jesus is our divine Savior, Redeemer, and the son of God the Father. I know of his reality by a sure perception so sacred I cannot give utterance to it." (CR, April 1995)

## Spencer W. Kimball

"I know that God lives. I know that Jesus Christ lives,' said John Taylor, my predecessor, 'for I have seen him.' I bear this testimony to you." ("Strengthening the Family", Ensign, May 1978)

## Boyd K. Packer

"I bear my witness that the Savior lives. I know the Lord. I am His witness. I know of His great sacrifice and eternal love for all of Heavenly Father's children. I bear my special witness in all humility but with absolute certainty" ("The Witness", Ensign, May 2014)



# Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-8

What do we learn about the purpose of speaking in tongues from verses 5-8?

## Kim B. Clark

“Jesus fulfilled that promise: beginning with the day of Pentecost, the disciples were blessed with the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost. Through their faith in Christ, repentance, and obedience, the Holy Ghost became their companion, changed their hearts, and blessed them with an abiding witness of the truth.

“These gifts and blessings strengthened the Lord’s disciples. Although the times they lived in were dangerous and confusing, they received the spiritual gift of eyes to see and ears to hear. By the power of the Holy Ghost, they began to see the truth of things as they really are, especially of the Lord Jesus Christ and His work among them. The Holy Ghost enlightened their understanding, and they heard the voice of the Lord more clearly. The gospel of Jesus Christ sank deep into their hearts. They were steadfast and obedient. They preached the gospel with boldness and power and built up the kingdom of God. They had joy in the Lord Jesus Christ.” (CR, Oct. 2015)



## Joseph Smith

"The gift of tongues by the power of the Holy Ghost in the Church, is for the benefit of the servants of God to preach to unbelievers, as on the day of Pentecost."  
(TPJS, pg. 195)

"The ultimate design of tongues is to speak to foreigners, and if persons are very anxious to display their intelligence, let them speak to such in their own tongues [that is in the tongues of the foreigners]."  
(TPJS pg. 248)

# Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:14-18



# Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:22-24,32-33

Since Jesus had been resurrected and exalted,  
by what power were these marvelous events  
made possible?

# Day of Pentecost

## Acts 2:37-41

What do you think caused their hearts to be pricked?

How would you summarize Peter's reply to their question "what shall we do"?

What evidence is given that Peter's plain and simple explanation of gospel principles led to those present accepting Christ?



## Diana Dunkley

"This New Testament account illustrates two of many ways in which the power of the Holy Ghost may be manifested: in the first instance, through the miracle of a 'rushing mighty wind' and 'cloven tongues'; in the second, through the subtle spiritual 'pricking' of hearts.

"As members of the Church, we can have the Holy Ghost as our personal guide if we live worthily. I have learned that for me the promptings of the Holy Ghost most often come in subtle ways similar to how the promptings came to those who heard Peter's testimony. Those who look only for 'cloven tongues of fire' may not recognize the Spirit when it pricks their hearts."

("Hearing the Still, Small Voice," Ensign, July 1996)

## N. Eldon Tanner

“Having faith in Christ is essential to our salvation, and it is our responsibility and privilege to repent of our sins and follow him. Peter, on the day of Pentecost when he was asked, ‘... Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ answered, ‘... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.’ ...

“In order to make effective these ordinances which are so essential according to the words of the Savior himself, it logically follows that they must be administered by those having authority to administer the ordinances.” (CR, April 1963)



## George Q. Cannon

“It is quite clear that all the inhabitants of the earth had a claim on this promise on complying with the conditions prescribed—namely, faith in Jesus Christ, repentance of their sins, being baptized for their remission, and having hands laid upon them for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

“This was the Gospel which Peter preached unto the people on the Day of Pentecost, and several thousands of them went forth and were baptized on that occasion. We find, by examining the ‘Acts of the Apostles,’ that this was the nature of their teaching on every occasion when preaching to the people, and we also find that when the people did comply with these requirements the Holy Ghost did rest upon them.” (JD, 14:45)

# Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:42-47

What principle did they practice to assure that the needs of all were met?



## Sterling W. Sill

"The scriptures speak about an interesting religious practice that has sometimes been used over the ages to promote the economic welfare of people. This program has been known by various names, such as the United Order, the Order of Enoch, the Law of Consecration....

"This economic order was also practiced for a time in the days of Jesus. In Acts 2 we find this reference: 'And all that believed were together, and had all things common.' The scripture also says: 'And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things common.'" (The Wealth of Wisdom, pg. 208-210)

# Ministry of Peter and the Apostles

## Acts 3:1-10

What did Peter and John have that they were able to give this man?

What does Peter's statement teach us about how we can help and serve others?



## Howard W. Hunter

“I testify of God’s goodness and Christ’s power, and of the privilege Apostles have been given. I know that Peter and John did take a lame man by the right hand and, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, command him to rise up and walk—and he did walk. I testify of the restoration of the gospel in these latter days and of the priesthood powers that make possible the many modern miracles of our dispensation.” (CR, April 1989)

## Jorge T. Becerra

“In reading this account, I was intrigued by the use of the word fastening. The word fastening means to direct one’s eyes or thoughts to or to look intently at. As Peter looked at this man, he saw him differently than others. He looked past his inability to walk and his weaknesses and could discern that his faith was adequate to become healed and enter into the temple to receive the blessings he was seeking.” (CR, April 2021)



## Spencer W. Kimball

"Such as I have.' All of us need to ponder those words. Do we, too, have something we need to share? Yes! We have the gospel of Jesus Christ, the gospel of peace, the gospel of joy. We have truths that can make any person better and more fulfilled, any marriage happier and sweeter, any home more heavenly. It is to ourselves, our homes, our quorums, our classes, our Church assignments that we must carry more energetically those things that we have received. And it is to our nonmember neighbors and associates that we are now asked to also 'give such as we have.' The Lord has commanded us to do so. We must lengthen our stride and must do it now." ("Always a Convert Church", Ensign, Sept. 1975)

## Harold B. Lee

"Peter just didn't content himself by commanding the man to walk, but he 'took him by the right hand, and lifted him up.'

"Will you see that picture now of that noble soul, that chiefest of the apostles, perhaps with his arms around the shoulders of this man, and saying, 'Now, my good man, have courage. I will take a few steps with you. Let's walk together, and I assure you that you can walk, because you have received a blessing by the power and authority that God has given us as men, his servants.' Then the man leaped with joy.?" ("Stand Ye in Holy Places", Ensign, Oct. 2008)



# Ministry of Peter and the Apostles

Acts 3:12-19

## Clifford E. Young

“This is an impressive lesson. It is a lesson to you and me, who have been made partakers of the truth. Much is expected of us, because we know. Jesus made it clear. Peter made it clear that in cases of ignorance, the Lord would be merciful, and kind, and just but with those who know and who have the responsibility, it is a different matter. It is knowledge that brings responsibility.” (CR, April 1953)



# Ministry of Peter and the Apostles

Acts 4:4

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Acts 4:5-14

What do you think changed Peter into the fearless and devoted advocate for Christ?



# Ministry of Peter and the Apostles

Acts 4:31,33

# Ministry of Peter and the Apostles

Acts 5:12-16



Next Week:

July 10–16

Acts 6–9

“What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?”

