

Text: John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-13

The Resurrection Day Arrival of the Spirit (John 20:19-23)

- Passover's original meaning.

- Why is the arrival of the Spirit on Resurrection Sunday significant?
 - The Spirit was not _____ to the believing community at Pentecost.
 - John Connects the Spirit to _____.
 - John represents the Spirit in a _____ than Luke does in Acts 2.

The Spirit's Outpouring at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

- The parallels between God giving the _____ and the _____.

- What is the _____ of the Acts 2 outpouring?

What Does the Timeline Mean for Us?

- Spirit baptism is _____ from _____ (Acts 2:1-4; 8:9-19; 9:17-18, 1 Cor. 14:18; 10:36; 19:1-2).

- Is this different from the _____ with the Spirit Paul speaks of in Ephesians 5:18?

- How should we handle the restoration of doctrines and practices to the Church?

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What does the original Passover teach (Exodus 12:1-7, 12-13)?
- How do New Testament writers use the Passover festival (John 13:1-3; Mark 14:12-25; 1 Cor. 5:7)?
- Why do you think John deliberately places the arrival of the Spirit during the Passover festival? What does this communicate about how John views the Spirit?
- When John recounts Jesus breathing on the disciples, he has the animation of Adam in mind (Gen. 2:7). By pointing us to the creation story, what is John hoping to teach us about the arrival of the Spirit?
- Compare John 20:19-23 and Acts 1:8 and 2:1-4. In what ways do John and Luke represent the Spirit differently? Why is the difference significant?
- Is the Acts 2 outpouring of the Spirit salvation? Why, or why not?
- When we examine the various outpourings of the Spirit in Acts, how many of them are clearly post-conversion experiences? Why is that significant? What does it tell us about the nature of Spirit baptism?
- How is Spirit baptism different from the continuous filling Paul speaks of in Ephesians 5:18?
- How can Pentecostal/Charismatic churches help present Spirit empowerment in ways that put people at ease and that makes the experience desirable?