

## Pentecost Sermon Summary

### Acts 2.1-12 – Pentecost

This story from Acts is so familiar to us that often I don't notice the things included or the things left out. I add in all the retelling of it from sermons I have heard and children's bible I have read until the twelve verses are probably quite different.

While preparing the sermon for this week I noticed some of those aspects of the story I had assumed were included and some things I had never considered.

Firstly, I assumed that Luke (the author of Acts) had told us that the disciples were cowering together in fear and trembling waiting for the coming holy spirit. Actually it just says 'When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place.' Previous to this in chapter one they were sorting out how to organise themselves, replacing Judas and trying to figure out what just happened.

Secondly, I had never considered the reason the disciples started to speak in different languages. To show God's power yes, and for the people gathered to be able to understand what was going on, yep. But not how this event changed the future of the church. The gift of speaking in other languages changed everything, the sneaking suspicion that they had to go out and tell everyone about Jesus following His command to make disciples of all nations now became possible. God giving them languages to speak that they may not have even heard being spoken before meant that they had to start meeting the people who spoke those languages. They had to learn to love the people and the culture that came with those languages too.

How can we better wait on the Lord, we do not know what it looked like for the disciples, but how would you like it to look for you? For us? Are there people within our own community or even family that seem too different too other to understand? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to love them better.

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