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2. **Read Acts 2:1-4.** What feast was being celebrated at this time?
3. What phenomena of sound and sight accompanied the coming of the Holy Spirit?
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5. What was the significance of what seemed like tongues of fire coming to rest on each of the disciples?
6. What was the result when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?
7. **Read vss. 5-13.** What kind of people were in the crowd that heard the sound?
8. Why is this significant in light of Acts 1:8?
9. How did the crowd respond? Why?



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- How does this encourage you as you seek to be a faithful witness of Christ?
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