

Introduction

1. Life after Easter?
 - Yes - next week new series
 - “Let There Be Light!” - God’s first command
2. Today - Pentecost
 - Passover
 - Pentecost - first-fruits - all the Jews
3. Series on the website

I. Promised by Jesus

1. His last words - what now?
2. He’s been telling them about ...A Person
 - A comforter
 - I’ll go ...He’ll come
3. See John 16:7-15
4. Jesus promised Holy Spirit
 - John said - I baptize you with water... “He will baptize you with fire”

II. The Next Chapter

1. Begins... Follows/ Fulfills/ Future
 - the future opens up
 - started with resurrection -and resurrection life
 - Death of Jesus - crucifixion (not the end)
 - Death is not the end
2. A Time Line:
 - Crucifixion
 - Resurrection
 - Appearances (40 days)
 - to Mary
 - to 2 disciples on the Emmaus road
 - to disciples in the Upper Room
 - to 500 at once (1 Cor. 15)
 - Ascension - Acts 1
 - “Wait” (at verse 4)
 - Pentecost (50 days)
 - Festival of First Fruits
3. Jewish calendar - three big festivals
 - Passover
 - Pentecost (here)
 - Booths/ Tabernacles
4. Not an alien force
 - Not an alien purpose
 - 1) A person - not a force like gravity - a person
 - 2) A purpose - consistent with Jesus

-consistent with the whole of the Bible

3) You will receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you
You will be witnesses unto me

5. All along

- there has been a Holy Spirit
- there has been a plan - His plan
- there has been a goal
 - to find the lost sheep
 - to make a way
 - to re-make this broken world

Segue

He's Promised
The Next Chapter

III. Empowered to Witness

1. Note!

- not empowered to jump pews
- not empowered to glorify US or our work
- but HIS

2. His Purpose for My Life

- to witness
 - to tell
 - to declare
- It is His kingdom, not mine
Often we've twisted the kingdom/ the church to fit our agenda
Use the church - politics
Use church leaders - make sin somehow okay

3. Our role... Witnesses...

- not lawyers
 - not for fulfillment - make our believers "happy" - find meaning
- Irony - happiness comes as a by-product of obeying His will regardless of consequences
Tell about Him:

- not our program
- not our pastor or ministers
- not our works

4. !!). Fulfilled vs Witness

- Ex - door to door in new community
- 2nd church
 - felt something never before or since - Power/ empowerment to witness
- Power is for HIS purpose, not ours

I believe that God has placed in hearts a hunger for the word of God

5. His Power/ His Purpose/ His Plan

- His power - Holy Spirit power
His purpose - witness

His plan - since the world began

What About Now!?

Let your light so shine - see your good works and glorify your Father