

- Discovered: • After His resurrection, Jesus told His followers not to leave Jerusalem, to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- When asked when Israel would be restored, Jesus said it was not for us to know the time the Father selected
 - Jesus ascended into Heaven.
 - Peter led prayer & casting of lots to select Matthias to replace Judas.
 - Day of Pentecost - Holy Spirit filled them, sounded like a wind & they began to speak in other languages.
 - At the sound of all the commotion, some were amazed at the different languages, some thought they were drunk.
 - Peter gave a sermon:
 - just as Joel prophesied the Holy Spirit arrived
 - Jesus of Nazareth was crucified & rose again just as David said
 - repent & be baptized in the name of Christ & you will receive Holy Spirit
 - As a result, many became believers: listening to teachings, praying & became generous.
 - Peter & John healed a man who couldn't walk on their way to temple. He praised God & many were in awe.
 - Peter spoke in Solomon's portico about how they had denied Christ just as prophesied.
 - Peter & John were arrested by Sadducees & jailed but many believed them
 - When questioned by rulers how the man was healed - they replied by Christ, the rejected cornerstone. ← they were threatened not to speak in His name.
 - Upon their release, they prayed to be given boldness to speak His name & do good works
 - The believers shared everything they had with each other - everyone always had what they needed!
 - Ananias & his wife Sapphira sold land & gave money to the apostles, but they lied about the donation - saying it was the whole cost when it wasn't
 - ↳ they were struck down & died for their lies.
 - The apostles were arrested by Sadducees & during the night an angel opened the prison doors & led them out. They were told to go stand in the temple & speak His word.
 - ↳ They were brought before the council, beaten & told not to continue teaching in His name.
 - They were honored to suffer & continued to teach in His name.
 - 7 men were chosen to be in charge of serving: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas & Nicolaus.
 - Stephen was brought before the council & they brought false witness against him. Stephen recounted everything from Abraham → Solomon → accused them of resisting the Holy Spirit & not keeping the law.
 - Stephen was stoned to death after seeing the Heavens opened → approved by Saul, Saul arrested many believers that day.
 - Philip went to Samaria & taught Christ - many believed & were healed (including Simon the magician)
 - An angel told Philip to go south to Gaza & he met up with an Ethiopian who was coming to Jerusalem to worship. E asked P to explain Isaiah. Philip told Ethiopian the Good News & he was baptized.
 - Saul went to Damascus to round up believers. He was blinded by Christ & sent to Ananias to be restored.
 - ↳ Paul believed & was baptized. He began teaching of Jesus.
 - Peter healed Aeneas & raised Dorcas to life after she died.
 - Cornelius, a centurion was told by an angel to fetch Simon Peter
 - ↳ God sent SP a vision that they were to accept what God said was clean.
 - Those who believed were to be accepted - Gentiles received the Holy Spirit.
 - Barnabas went to Antioch w/ Paul - spent a year teaching
 - Herod had James killed & arrested Peter. Peter was rescued by an angel
 - Herod was struck dead by angel for not giving God glory.
 - Paul & Barnabas went to Cyprus & Antioch to teach.
 - Jews became jealous & spoke against them - we will teach the gentiles.
 - P & B went to Iconium but were driven out then went to Lystra.
 - Paul was stoned but survived. They went to teach @ Derbe - appointing elders & encouraging disciples in Lystra, Iconium & Antioch.
- Help me to remember:
 that anyone who fears God & does what is right is acceptable to Him. God has offered His redemption to everyone.
- Lord, I ask that
 I am given boldness to speak His name, share His Love & do good works in His name.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
 the ability & freedom to be bold for my love of Christ...
 being able to shout His love.