

Following Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Jesus' followers, including the disciples, were given responsibility to build the Church and share the Christian faith across the world.

Pentecost - taken from the Bible book of the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples had all met together in Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard a powerful wind from heaven and the noise filled the whole house. Then flames of fire appeared and rested over each one of them. And they were all filled with God's Holy Spirit. And now they could all speak different languages, because of the power of the Spirit.

There were many visitors from different countries in Jerusalem for the festival and they heard the disciples, all speaking in different languages. And they were amazed. They said 'how can these men from Galilee now speak all our languages, in Greek, Roman, Arabic, Egyptian, Turkish and many others?'

They could understand the disciples talking about Jesus and they said 'this is a miracle from God'.

Peter, standing with the other disciples, shouted out 'People of Judea and Jerusalem, you must understand this was all written in the prophet Joel, that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'. The crowds then said to Peter 'What shall we do?' Peter said 'You must repent, and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'. Then about three thousand people came forward and were baptised.