



Getting to Pentecost

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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Acts 20:13-16 (MaceNT)

13 where by appointment Paul was to be taken aboard, designing himself to go thither by land. 14 meeting with him at Assos, we took him in and arriv'd at Mitylene: 15 from thence we bore away: the next day we came off Chios, and the day after we pass'd by Samos, landing at Trogyllium, and arrived at Miletus the next day. 16 for Paul had determined not to go ashore at Ephesus, to avoid losing time in Asia: because he was eager to get to Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of pentecost.

PAUL'S FINAL LAP

The distance between Troas and Assos was about twenty miles.

PAUL'S EAGERNESS TO GET TO PENTECOST

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Deuteronomy 16:16 (NLT)

16 "Each year every man in Israel must celebrate these three festivals: the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Harvest, and the Festival of Shelters. On each of these occasions, all men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he chooses, but they must not appear before the LORD without a gift for him.

PAUL'S PERSONAL PENTECOST

Acts 9:17-19 (NLT)

17 So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. 19 Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days.

1 Corinthians 14:18 (NLT)

18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.

Pentecost

In the Old Testament, the Feast of Pentecost was celebrated fifty days after Passover (the word Pentecost is derived from the Greek word for 'fiftieth day').

Holy Intentions

Acts 20:16 (NLT)

16 Paul had decided to sail on past Ephesus, for he didn't want to spend any more time in the province of Asia. He was hurrying to get to Jerusalem, if possible, in time for the Festival of Pentecost.

"Resignation is not shiftlessness."

—H. C. Trumbull, D. D.

THE ROAD TO PENTECOST

(1) _____

John 7:37-39 (NIV)

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

(2) THE WATERS OF _____

John 4:1-3 (NLT)

1 Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). 3 So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

(3) THE PLACE OF _____

Luke 24:49 (NKJV)

49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

(4) THE UPPER _____

Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:9-13 (NKJV)

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

ANSWERS:

1. CALVARY
2. BAPTISM
3. TARRYING
4. ROOM