

2 – “Jesus was a Charismatic?” :: The Holy Spirit in Luke–Acts // *Rushing Wind* #2

I asked two weeks ago how many of you lean more toward the charismatic side and how many of you are less so... Some of you were courageous enough to raise your hands and pick a side. But a bunch of the rest of you looked around nervously at what everyone else was doing.

For those of you who did raise your hand about being a charismatic, or maybe it was just still up from worship... I have great news: Jesus and the Apostles were charismatics. I’m going to show you that today.

And, for the rest of you, when you really understand the word “charismatic,” you’ll see it’s impossible to be a genuine follower of Jesus and not be a charismatic, at least in some sense.

- There will be variations about what that looks like in action, and we’ll talk about those in weeks to come, but essential to being a Christian is operating in the power of the Spirit.

Now, some of you are like, “Charisma...what?”

- “Charismatic” is from the Greek word “charismata,” which means simply “gifts of grace.” A charismatic is one who operates in the gifts of the Spirit.
- The word has become associated today with one stream of the church that gets into highly **emotional worship**; **raising your hands** (me at prayer conference); **sometimes the word** is associated with crazy stuff (speaking in tongues, or even handling snakes, which, for the record, we don’t do here... if you have one, keep it in the bag).

That’s what we think of when we use the word “charismatic.” But that’s unfortunate, because every Christian is supposed to move and operate in the power of the Spirit.¹ We can come to disagreements about what it looks like exactly to be charismatic, but whether or not we’re supposed to be charismatic is not in question.

- So, when I say I want you all to become charismatic, I don’t mean that you all are going to go out and get a Benny Hinn tattoo and a charis-mullet haircut or start learning the names of Japanese cities so you can sound like you’re speaking in tongues. (***Kawasaki; Nagasaki; Fukushima***). That’s not the goal of this series.
- I want you to discover the power that is available to you.

Today I’m going to show you that Jesus operated in the power of the Spirit.

- Luke goes to great lengths to show you that.
- Every Gospel is, of course, about the same Jesus, but they all have unique themes... like a diamond you show different sides of.
- Well, one of Luke’s main themes is to show that Jesus’ source of power was the Holy Spirit.
 - Now, a lot of you say, “I thought the source of His power was the fact that He was God?”
 - Yes, but Luke goes to great lengths to show you that a lot of the miraculous stuff He did—healing, see into people’s hearts, preaching and praying with power, resisting sin—He did in the power of the Spirit.
 - HULL CRUSH DEPTH. The Bible teaches us in places like Philippians 2 something called “**the kenosis**,” which means “the emptying.” Jesus when He was on earth emptied His access to His Godness. He didn’t cease to be God; He just at times “limited Himself” to access to His God-power.

¹ John Stott says that the labeling of one branch of the church as “charismatic” is terribly misleading. John Stott, *The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit*.

- So, in other words, he wasn't sitting around in **middle school** every time a question was asked, thinking, "I know the answer to that one because I'm omniscient."
 - He wasn't in **the crib** thinking about the relationship between quarks and particle waves.
 - He was thinking baby thoughts and **sinless middle school thoughts** (some of you didn't know that was possible), because He limited His access to His Godness.
 - That's why **Luke 2:52** says that Jesus "grew in wisdom and stature." Ever think about that verse? How can God grow in wisdom? He limited His access to that wisdom so He could grow in it as a man.
 - Or when Jesus says (Matt 24:36), "**I don't even know the day or the hour** of my return; only the Father knows that."² "How could God not know something?" He limited Himself.
- So here's the question: ***If He's limited access to His Godness, how does He do a lot of the things that he does?*** How does he overcome sin? How does he resist the devil? How does he do miracles? How does He see right into people? How does He have such communion with the Father that He knows just what to pray or say to people?
 - **Luke's answer is, the power of the Spirit.** And that's great news, because that's the same power you have access to.
 - **Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts**, and he draws these parallels between the experiences of Jesus and the experience of the early church. Both are experiencing, in strikingly similar ways, the power of the Spirit.
 - Some of you may never have seen this. You think of Jesus as primarily the one who died as a substitute for sins, and that He is of course. But He also lived for 33 years before He died.
- And there's a lot of things in there we are supposed to learn from His life, too... and a lot of times we overlook that. We go right to His death. Even the ancient church creeds do that: **The Apostles Creed**, for example, says, "**Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and rose again on the 3rd day...**" See that? We go right from "born" to "crucified." The **33 years** of His life only get a ",".
 - ***Now, His death is important. The most important thing about His life. But if His death enables you to live; His life shows you how to live.***

Before I start showing you this, I feel like I need to review, or clarify, the **doctrine of the Trinity**. We touched on it last week, but so many people struggle with this and they get it wrong.

The doctrine of the Trinity is that there is one God who has existed eternally in 3 persons.

- Now, people come up with all kind of analogies... and analogies can help sometimes, but sometimes they can be seriously misleading.
 - For example, when I was a kid, I heard that God was like **"ice."** That's modalism. Water does not exist eternally.
 - Or, I heard this one: "I'm like a **Dad, a pastor, and a husband.**" Again, modalism.
 - Or I heard that **God was like the "eye."** Eye: the iris, the cornea, the white part (*sclera*). Problem with that is that no part of the eye is complete without the others. Jesus is not 1/3 God. He's fully God in Himself. That's not a good analogy.
- Best analogy I've heard is the biblical one, imo. Given by the early church... **WORD.** "I am cold." That is a *thought; word; vibrations*. They are 3 separate things, but you'd never separate them. But in the act of hearing my thoughts, all 3 are involved. **The early church fathers said that the Father is like the mind;** Jesus is like the word; Spirit is like the vibration that carries the word into our hearts. Again, you push it far enough it breaks down, but it is a biblical analogy.

² Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32.

- My counsel to you is to limit your analogies to that one and ***Embrace the mystery.***

So, let me lay out this case for you really quickly of the parallels between Jesus in Luke and the church in Acts:

- **In Luke, Jesus' birth** comes through the Holy Spirit "overshadowing" Mary; His ministry begins at his baptism where the Holy Spirit descends upon him "in bodily form like a dove" (3:22).³
 - In the same way, the church Acts is born in 2:1–4 through the baptism of the Holy Spirit descending upon them.
- **Jesus' first sermon** (Luke 4: was about how the Spirit was upon Him to set the captives free (Luke 4:16–27);
 - Peter's first sermon was about the Spirit's power was upon the church to testify to Jesus (Acts 2:14–36).
- Immediately after His baptism, **Jesus goes out to be tempted**, and Luke notes that He does so "full of the Holy Spirit." (BTW, Luke is the only Gospel writer one to point that out, 4:1).
 - In Acts, right after the Apostles are baptized, they are dragged in front of the Sanhedrin (which is a kind of temptation), and Acts 4:8 says they will filled by the Holy Spirit to respond to their accusers.
- In Luke, **Jesus gets "sent out" by the Spirit** to travel around Israel preaching the gospel.
 - In Acts Jesus tells the Apostles that the Spirit will come upon them to take them around the world with the gospel.

³ Luke, btw, is the only Gospel writer to record the *bodily* descent of the Holy Spirit: His point is that everything from this point forward is going to be done in the power of the Spirit. "Luke places special emphasis on the Spirit during Christ's inauguration as a sign that *everything* in Jesus' ministry from that point forward would be charismatic." (Stronstad, *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*, 45)

Luke draws a number of parallels between things Jesus did in the power of the Spirit in Luke and things that the church did in the power of the Spirit in Acts.

A. MIRACLES

- In Luke 5:17 Jesus heals a paralytic. In the account of the healing it uses this strange little phrase, "***And the power of the Lord was present to heal.***" **Luke 5:17**
 - (?) I read that I'm like, "Of course it was present to heal. Jesus was there." But Luke is indicating that Jesus' power to heal was, in most circumstances, coming from the Holy Spirit. So there were times when the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him to heal.
 - And you're going to see that phrase a lot in Luke, "power" and "authority" was *upon* Him.⁴
- In Acts, the power of the Spirit enables Stephen to see into heaven (Acts 7:55); for the first Christians to understand languages they had never heard before (Acts 2:5–18); for Paul to blind a magician (Acts 13:8); and for Philip to be teleported across the desert (Acts 8:39)

B. PROPHECY

- (*By prophecy, I mean speaking God's blessing into people's lives, or making God's plans known. We're going to do a whole week on this coming up.*)
- In **Luke 1:39–45 Elizabeth**, full of the Spirit, pronounces God's blessing on Mary
- Later in that same chapter the Spirit enables **Zechariah** to prophesy about the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus. (Luke 1:67–79)

⁴ Luke 4:31–36 says that Jesus cast out demons "with authority and power" (Luke 4:31–36). Lukan euphemism for the Spirit. Jesus sends his 12 disciples to exorcise demons & to heal (Luke 9:1–2). Jesus sends 72 disciples to tread on serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19) Again, with "power and authority"

- In Luke 2, the Spirit of God tells an old man named **Simeon** that he won't die until he sees the Messiah in person (Luke 2:25–35)
- In Peter's first sermon in Acts he says, he tells the church that the promised Spirit is here, and the evidence of that is they will all prophesy. He quotes the prophet Joel, *"...In those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall all prophesy."* (Acts 2:17–18)
 - In Acts, there is an unknown Christian named Agabus who shows up twice with a message from the Holy Spirit about something that was coming for the church in the future.
- Now, some of you are like, *"Whoa... wait a minute... healing, teleportation... prophecy, what are you saying, J.D.?"* I'll get to this, I promise. Not today, but in this series. For today, I'm just trying to show you a pattern, and make *one point*.

C. PREACHING

- **Luke 4:14** says about Jesus before His first sermon, *"And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee..."*
- Same language is used when people in the early church preach:
 - Peter was filled with the Spirit in Acts 2;
 - Peter and John were "filled with the Spirit" before the Sanhedrin in chapter 4;
 - Acts 4:31 says that when the early Christians were filled with the Spirit they went out boldly preaching the word.
 - Acts 7 says that Stephen was filled with the Spirit when he preached right before he was stoned that led to the conversion of the Apostle Paul.
- Jesus told the Apostles, in fact, to depend on the Spirit when we preach! I gave you this verse last week: **Luke 12:11–12**, *"And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, [12] for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."*

- Sometimes I mutter this to myself...

D. ENACTING JUSTICE

- In Luke 4:18, Jesus started His first sermon like this, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* **Luke 4:18**
- Peter summarized Jesus' ministry as going around Israel "doing good and healing." (e.g. Acts 10:38)
- In the same way, the Apostles use the power of the Spirit to set captives free. Acts 16 tells the story of the Apostle Paul meeting a servant girl who has a demon that makes her a spectacle. Her owners rent her out for entertainment. She is a spiritual and economic captive, and Paul, through the power of the Spirit, delivers her.
- The Spirit of God comes on you for things like that. When you are working for the oppressed, for the captive, the Spirit of God will be, or can be, powerfully at work inside of you.

E. FILLING WITH JOY

- Luke 10:21 Jesus says, *"In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit..."* **Luke 10:21–22**
- **Acts 2** says that when the Spirit of God came upon the first church a great sense of "awe" came upon every soul and a sense of **"gladness"** filled their heart (2:42).
- The sign of a Spirit-filled believer; a Spirit-filled church, is joy. I'm not saying the Spirit gives you all a type-A, sanguine, perky personality, just that you have joy.
- A Spirit-filled church is one characterized by joy, and that is seen in its services.
 - Sure, there are times of solemn reflection and repentance and mourning, but the dominant motif is joy.
 - **Psalm 100:** come into his presence with thanksgiving

- Ps. 35:27, “May those who delight in salvation shout for joy.”
- Galatians 5, “Be filled with the Spirit, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...” A signing heart is a happy heart.
- Psalm 16:11: in his presence is fullness of joy. How can you claim to be in the presence of God and not have joy?
- Our worship services ought to be characterized by exuberance and shouting and joy. You say, **“Well, that’s not my personality.”** I like the cool, laid back, hands-in-my-pockets too cool for school posture in worship.
 - Really? Joy is not your personality? Bologna.
 - If I came up to you and informed you that you had just won \$250 million in the lottery, I bet you’d be joyful. You wouldn’t say, “Well, praise the Lord.”
 - If you’re not joyful in worship, it might mean that you would find greater value in winning the lottery than you do the salvation of God!
 - **Ps. 35:27, “May those who delight in salvation shout for joy.”** That’s a command, folks, not a suggestion.

- **In both Luke and Acts, the fullness of the Holy Spirit is given in answer to REQUEST**

- In Luke 3, at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, it says that the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus like a dove as He stood *praying* (Luke 3:21–22)
- Same thing happens at the beginning of Acts. Jesus ascends back up to heaven in Acts 1:10. Acts 1:14 says that the disciples went back to the Upper Room and “devoted themselves to prayer.” This went on **for ten days** and the Spirit came in Acts 2. Peter preached, and 3000 people were saved.
 - The early church prayed for 10 days, Peter preached for 10 minutes, and 3,000 people got saved. Today

we’re more likely to pray for 10 minutes, preach for 10 days, and see 3 people saved.

- Same thing happens in Acts 4. The early church is in a prayer meeting and then God sends the Spirit so powerfully that the place is shaken.
- I love this verse in Luke where Jesus instructs us to pray:

“What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; [12] or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13] If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:11–13, ESV)

 - (We interpret that verse to be about all kinds of prayers... and that’s ok. But it’s mainly about the availability of the power of the Spirit.)

Have I made my point? The whole point is this: **Jesus depended on the power of the Spirit.* If He did, how much more should we?** (*He moved, He did miracles, He resisted the devil, He overcame sin... in the power of the Spirit.)

- Honestly, I never really saw this. I thought Jesus did what Jesus did just out His own Godness. And there were times He did that.
- But Luke shows you several places that Jesus limited Himself and depended on the power of the Spirit SO THAT we could see that we have access to the same power He does!

BTW, this is not a new, New Testament thing Luke is introducing, either.

- *The two images Luke uses for the Holy Spirit: **fire**, and **wind**, connect back to the children of Israel’s experience in the Exodus.*
 - FIRE: The presence of God was symbolized for Israel in the Exodus as a fire. It was a pillar fire that led and protected the children of Israel. It was through a fire that Moses was called; a

burning bush which did not consume the bush;
in Acts the Holy Spirit sits upon their heads like a fire that doesn't consume them.

- WIND: The Old Testament name for the Spirit is "*ruach*," which means "wind." It was a rushing wind split the Red Sea in two. In Acts 2, that *ruach*, that rushing wind, comes into the church.
- Luke 10 says that Jesus sent out 70 in the power of the Spirit to go around Israel preaching. Numbers 11, Moses is so overwhelmed at leading Israel that he calls out 70 elders and God puts His Spirit into them. When the Spirit comes on them, Numbers 11:25, they prophesy. When the Spirit comes upon the church in Acts 2, they prophesy.

Luke is showing you that the whole Bible, cover to cover, screams, "*Not by might. Not by power. But by my Spirit,*' says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6

- There's a rushing wind that tears through the Bible that when you read it, picks you up... It reminds me of the experience of the cow I heard about several years ago... **Japanese fishermen.** Cow, taken to heights it could never imagine. This is what God does in and through the church.
- If you could ever get to the point that you depend on the power of the Spirit you see the most incredible things happening in and through you...
- I love how Luke ends Acts... namely, he doesn't. It just kind of trails off in periods of ellipses... Paul's in prison, the gospel is growing around the world... I've compared Luke's ending in Acts to how the Dukes of Hazzard shows I used to loved to watch ended... every episode has Bo or Luke Duke in mid-air...

The reason I point this out is that I know Christians who seem to be like, "Well, Spirit power was for the Apostles. Or those crazy charismatics now. Now we learn doctrine and memorize Scripture and do small groups."

- To overlook the power of the Spirit you'd have to cut out THE WHOLE BIBLE. The whole Bible screams, "Not by might. Not by power. But by my Spirit," says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6
 - The battle is not won by those mighty in strength, but by those mighty in the Spirit.
- It screams, John 15:5, "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

So Summit Church, again, I have only one main point for you today... **Jesus depended on the power of the Spirit. If He did, how much more should we?**

Who do you depend on for victory, to overcome sin, to parent? Let me make 2 statements to you, then I'll conclude.

1. Most of us depend upon the wrong source of power

- Where do you get the power to overcome sin? To resist the devil? To be freed from the captivity of bad habits? How you have the ability to forgive people who crucify you? To see dead things come back to life? Jesus did these things in the power of the Spirit.
- Do you want to know how to have power in ministry?
 - I think a lot of times we are like prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18. There's a showdown... that's who we are. "We yell louder, work harder..."
 - My favorite part of this story is 18:39 is when it's all over and God has sent the fire the people are on their face saying, "*The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God!*" They're not saying, "Elijah is a great speaker!"
 - Did you know God can anoint your ministry so powerfully that people don't even notice you! Matthew 5:16. Glorify *Whom?* They see *your* good works and give glory of God.
- The book of Daniel says (5:12) that Daniel had an excellent Spirit upon him, which gave him a wisdom and knowledge that set him above all of his peers.

- Paul says in Ephesians 1:17 that God gives the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Isaiah 11:2 says that God gives the Spirit of wisdom and understanding and counsel and might.
- You can have that Spirit. As a mother; as a worker; as an employer; as a professor; as a student; as a preacher or pastor! You just have to, Luke 11:13, ASK! If you ask for the bread of the Spirit, God's not going to give you a stone.

2. Some of us don't encounter the power of the Spirit because we're not engaged in the mission of the Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is not like a magic amulet that you get, or a crystal, that starts giving you good luck.
- The Spirit came upon Jesus and the church for mission.
 - A lot of my charismatic friends love Acts 2. Acts 2 is on every charismatic's refrigerator. Acts 2 comes after Acts 1! "And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, *and you will be My witnesses...*" (Acts 1:8).
- If Jesus had come as a basketball player, just dominated the courts, the Linsanity of ancient Israel, and I claimed to be filled with His Spirit, wouldn't you expect me to start playing basketball a little bit better? Of course you would.
- Did Jesus come as a basketball player? No. Did he come as a wealthy businessman? No. He came as a minister and a witness and one who poured out His life for others. So if His Spirit lives in you, I would expect to see you as someone extraordinary at *those* things.
- Can I tell you what I don't see the Spirit doing a lot of in Luke and Acts?
 - I don't see him keeping the church from difficulty. "I pulled up at the mall, and I got a parking space." Favor of God. Please. In Acts, God parked Paul in prison and Jesus on a cross.
 - I don't see Him making a lot of people wealthy. I think the Spirit of God can do that, but Paul says in 2 Cor that the Spirit increases our ability to make

money so that we can increase our capacity of giving.

- So here's my question: *Do you even want His power?* A lot of people are like, "Yeah, I want Jesus' power!" Why do you want His power? Is it to serve the church better? To serve His kingdom better? His mission better?
- Or is it to serve yourself better?
 - **James 4.** You have not because you ask not. But you ask and do not receive because you ask from selfish motives.
- ***There is no disconnect between the mission of God and the power of God. The disconnect is between the people of God and the mission of God.***

So, those would be the 2 words for our church. Let me close by making a statement God has placed on my heart for all of you, especially those of you who might be new to this whole thing or not even sure you are Christians:

- Every sermon series I study the text and let the text of Scripture drive what I say. I try not to come with my own agenda.
- **But I also ask the HS for any words for our church.** In this one it was the Holy Spirit is a Person. That's what I believe He wants us to know.

For those of you who are not surrendered to God, you haven't failed a moral code, or been worse than you should; you're rejecting a person. A person who loves, pursues you, and calls you. A person you can grieve and anger.

- Paul says in Romans 5:5 that the Spirit of God wants to shed God's word in your heart. That's what the Spirit of God wants to do: To come in and pour God's love out over you.
- You were created for Him. He loved you. You rebelled. He came to earth, paid the penalty for your sin and absorbed its consequences, and reaches out to reconcile you.

Do you hear Him calling you?

I know that many of you have problems with Christianity. Why are Christians against homosexuals? Why do they hate science? What you have problems with is not God, but a caricature of Christianity.

- I need you to get beyond that and get to the person of God. Jesus hated phony religiosity, too. He hated it and it hated Him so badly that it ended up with them placing Him on a cross.

I want you to consider *Him*. The whole point of the Bible is God having a relationship with you. It's not you getting religious or becoming a Republican. It's you knowing God. A God who was, and wants to be again, your Father. The Father you always wanted but never had.

Receive Him. John 1:12

Bullpen:

- A Christianity that has been used as justification for hate and racism and exclusion. A Christianity that uses Bible verses like weapons.
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- Do you want God to give you His power so you can make a great name for yourself, so you can live a lot more comfortably and have more toys? Or do you ask God to prosper you for the sake of His kingdom? So you can give more away and serve the church better?

The whole point is that God wants to live among you. And when you've experienced that you'll be different:

- Me getting run over by mac truck
- If the Spirit of God came upon me to play basketball, wouldn't you expect a whole different game?... In Acts, they were "astonished" at their power for mission.

If you had encountered Jesus, you'd be different!

We focus on the wrong event

- Acts 2
- Cross
- Lights on Washington monument

We look to the wrong source of power:

- In Luke, the Spirit comes on old men, and young teenage girls and even fills a baby in his mother's womb.
- **Luke 10:1–2**, "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. [2] And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- **Luke 9:49–50**, one of the Apostles, John, says, "*Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.*" [50] But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."
- **Acts 8:1**: And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, *except the apostles.*
- **Acts 6:3** Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. [4] But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." [6] These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. [7] *And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*
- **Stephen**: Acts 7:8, "And Stephen, full of grace and power..." 7:10, "They could not resist the Spirit with which Stephen spoke." 7:55, "But he full of the Holy Spirit..." which led to the conversion of Paul.
- And, of course, **Acts 28:15**, which I often point out to you...
- And why would you want to? Do you realize the power to which He gives you access?
- We all know that Jesus was anointed by the Spirit, but He was also Spirit-led, Spirit-filled, and Spirit-empowered. (Stronstad, 45)
- The whole point is that the charismatic Spirit has been transferred from Jesus to the disciples. Jesus became the exclusive bearer of the Spirit at His baptism; now He becomes the giver of it at Pentecost. (Stronstad, 49).

- In the same way that the Spirit of God was transferred from Moses to 70 elders, with a desire to have the Spirit spread more universally . . . so also the Holy Spirit was transferred from Jesus to his 12 disciples, and then again to 70, with a desire to have the Spirit spread to the ends of the earth.
- Jesus' travelling ministry ends with a 3-fold trial: before the Sanhedrin, Pilate and Herod, and then the cross.
- In Acts, Paul's travelling ministry ends with 3-fold trial between Felix, Festus, then Agrippa and Acts ends with him awaiting execution in Rome.
- **LIKE WIND FOR SAILORS**
- You have access to same power Jesus had! John 14:12. (See Advance regional talk on this point!)
- The moon at night glows with the assurance that we'll see the sun again!
- God in us (mount of olives, coming back into East gate)
- Acts 2 is on every charismatic's refrigerator. Too many start their study of the HS in Acts 2. He comes in Acts 1 for mission.
- Why didn't Jesus just get on with his mission? Why this moment, and the note that the Spirit never left?
- **Acts 1: the Spirit is given for mission. Acts 1 and the Great Commission. RELAX. Do your part. Your role is faithfulness.**