

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 11: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE SITUATION

From a human perspective, it looked like Jesus' ministry was doomed to failure just a day before He was arrested and crucified. For more than three years He had a following of around 30,000 people when He operated in the province of Galilee, but that number had dwindled down to 120, and here He was now in Jerusalem facing execution. Judas had betrayed Him and the rest of the apostles did not understand that Jesus, their long awaited Messiah had to die, and their dream for the Kingdom of Israel would not become a reality. **Matthew 16:13-23**

The apostle Paul later wrote that the Devil and his fallen angels had no understanding of God's redemption plan and were therefore happy to see Jesus crucified. **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**

Even though Jesus had told the apostles many times that He would rise from the dead, they did not believe it and refused to accept any report that He had risen until they saw Him in person. **Mark 16:6-14; Luke 24:1-11, 13-49**

Not only did the apostles doubt the resurrection of Jesus, they also had great fear of the Jews. **John 20:19-29**

ENTER THE HOLY SPIRIT

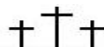
After Jesus had been in the grave for three days and nights, the Holy Spirit swept into that grave, and took the dead body of Jesus in a split second and changed it into an incorruptible body fit for the King of kings and Lord of lords. He presented it to Jesus, who then took possession of it. **Romans 8:11**

The huge stone that served as a door for the cave was rolled away by an angel. **Matthew 28:1-7**

The Devil was summoned and Jesus crushed his head and humiliated all the fallen angels in front of holy angels. **Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 2:14**

In the spirit world, the defeat and dethroning of Satan as the prince of this world was a done deal, but the manifestation in the physical world would not come until the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover.

Remember, every action in the physical world is a result of an action in the spirit world! **2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-13**



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The Church of Jesus Christ could never be born in the flesh, it had to be done with supernatural power, not just matching but dwarfing the power of the Devil. **Revelation 12:10-17**

That supernatural power would be supplied by God himself through the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. **John 16:7-15**

On the day of Pentecost, for the first time in human history, the Holy Spirit moved in power and fire, indwelling the followers of Jesus and changing them from a bunch of scared men and women, into bold fearless humans, confronting the Devil, his fallen angels and the Satanic human Jewish leadership. ***The Church was born in fire and power that has never been withdrawn from the earth!*** **Acts 2:1-47**

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