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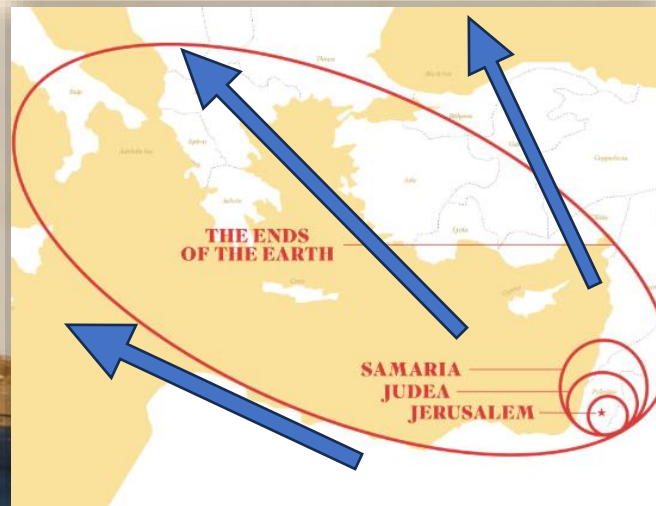
NEW TESTAMENT

June 29, 2026 - Acts Chapters 1 - 4

Acts 1:8 – Jesus' Calling

Before Jesus Ascension He gave the disciples a command:

Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, in all **Judea and Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth**."



What do you think, has the Gospel reached the ends of the Earth like Jesus said?

Hero #1 – The Holy Spirit

Jesus told the disciples not to begin their mission until the Holy Spirit came.

Their mission relied on God's power, not their effort.

The Holy Spirit equips ordinary people to do great things.

Joel's prophecy: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all people;



Peter Preaches at Pentecost

Peter – full of the Holy Spirit preaches boldly at Pentecost

Acts 2: 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words..... 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

But wait, remember.....Peter was scared when Jesus was arrested.

Peter denied he even knew Jesus

Peter hid with the other disciples after Jesus’ death



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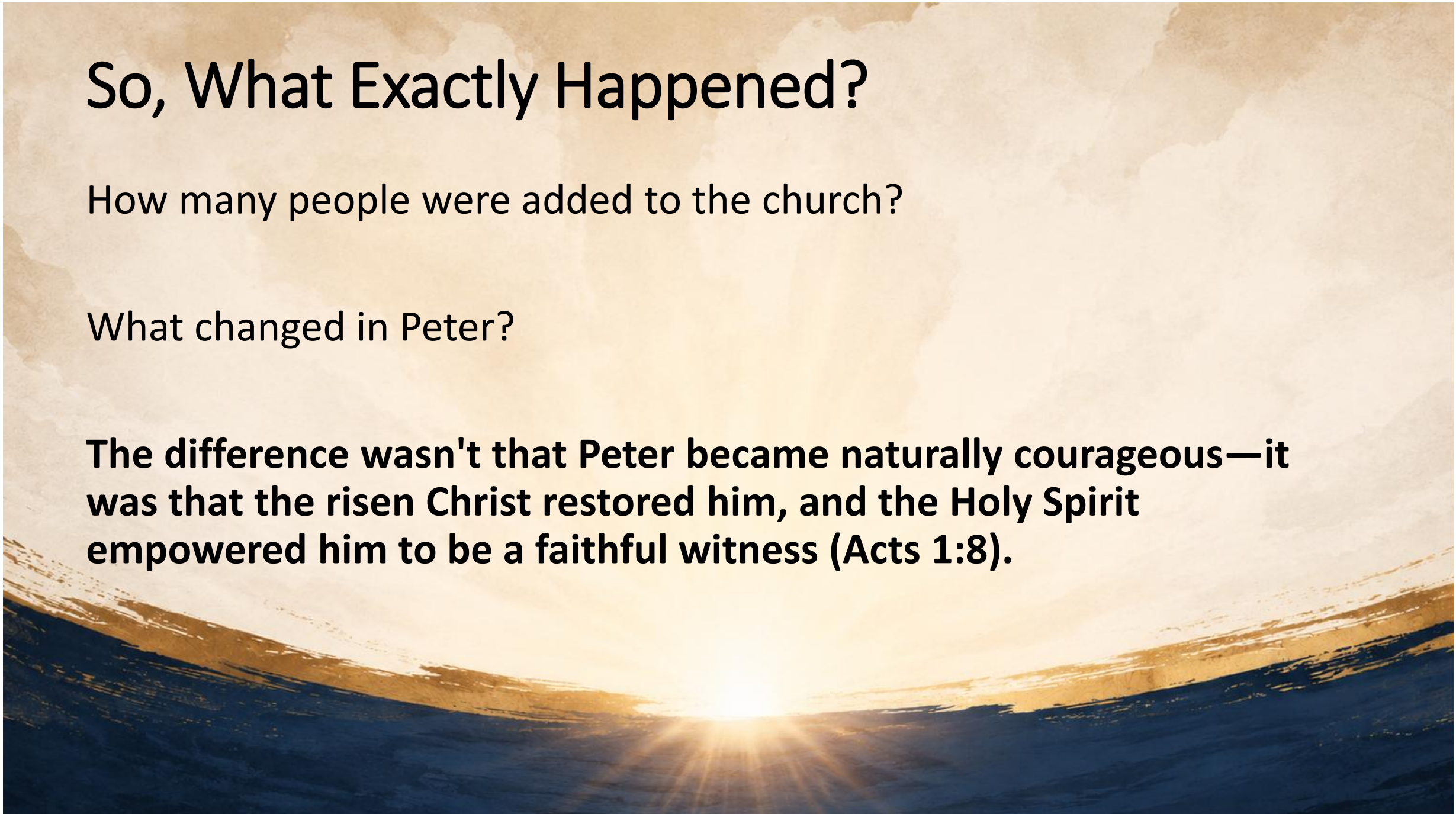
[Peter Preaches and the Church Begins](#)

So, What Exactly Happened?

How many people were added to the church?

What changed in Peter?

The difference wasn't that Peter became naturally courageous—it was that the risen Christ restored him, and the Holy Spirit empowered him to be a faithful witness (Acts 1:8).



The Holy Spirit Empowered Believers

The Holy Spirit empowers God's people to proclaim Christ, confirms the truth of the gospel, transforms those who believe, and leads the Church as it spreads from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria.

The Believers Pray for Boldness

Acts 4: 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

How then, should we pray?

For the Holy Spirit to:

Fill us with his power.

Give us boldness.

Prompt us to do God's will.

Give us strength and courage.

