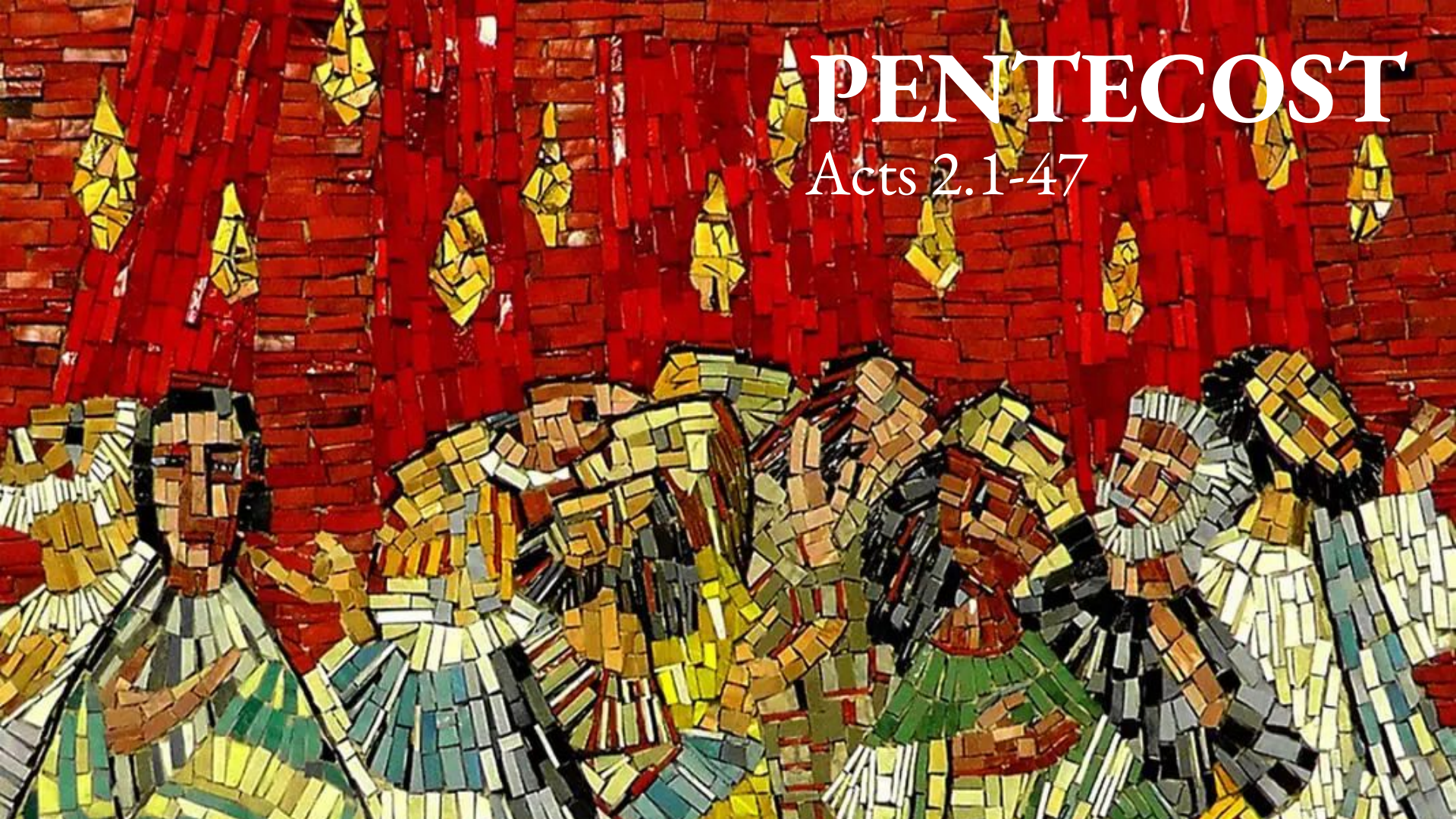


PENTECOST

Acts 2.1-47



LET US PRAY | KIA IINOI TAATOU

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry, O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above.

Archbishop Rabanus Maurus (776-856)

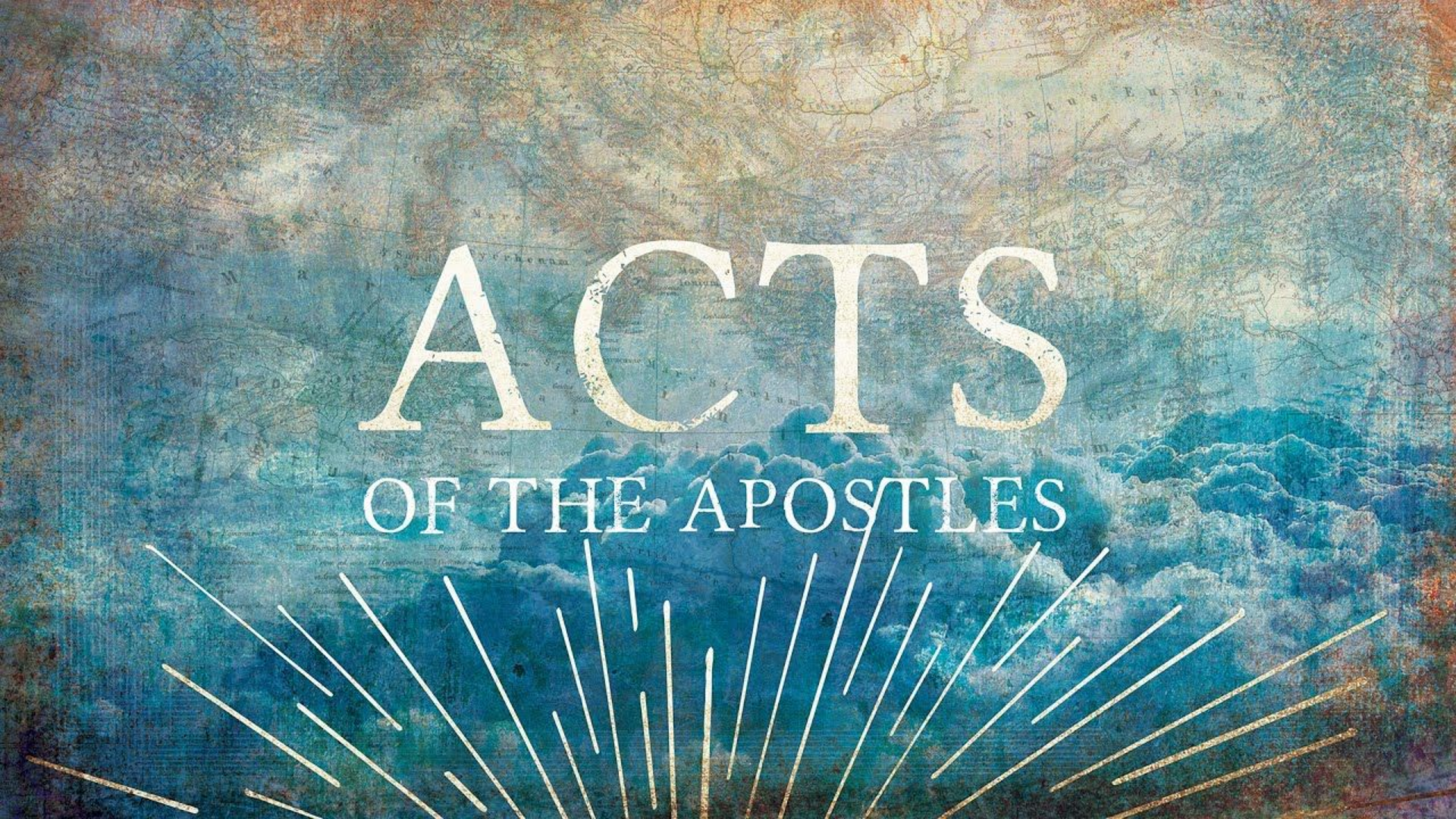


WELCOME | NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Today:

- Recap(itulation) - week two
- Acts 2: Spirit-filled witnesses proclaim Gospel
 - Divine translations
 - The First Sermon
 - Redemption plans fulfilled





ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

Luke-Acts Series

Acts 1-7



PENTECOST?

Pentecost is the New Testament name for the second of the annual harvest festivals, the “Feast of Weeks,” coming 50 days after Passover. It was a one-day festival celebrating the wheat harvest (Ex. 23:16; Lev. 23:15–21; Deut. 16:9–12). Like other celebrations in the Old Testament, the Feast of Weeks was associated with the **renewal of the covenant** made with Noah and then with Moses. In later Judaism, Pentecost was associated with the day when **the law** was given at Mount Sinai, so it is significant that God chose to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. **Why?**



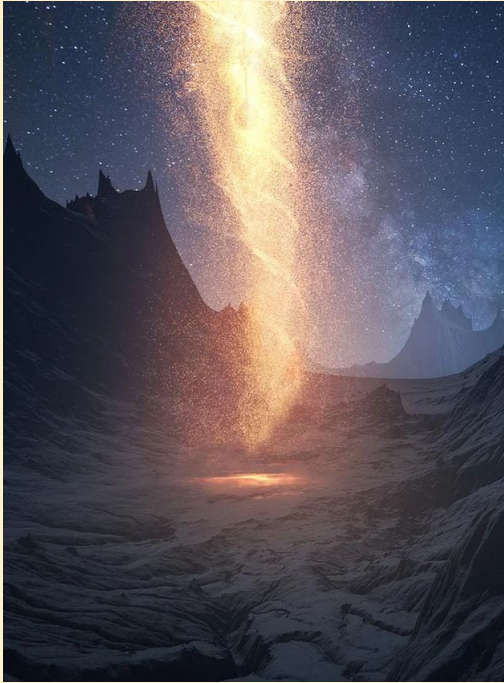
REDEMPTION THEME

- Saving, freeing, or regaining something - often through cost or effort.
- Redeem - 'to buy back' or 'recover'
- Rescuing, reclaiming, recovering





THE HOLY SPIRIT – FIRE?

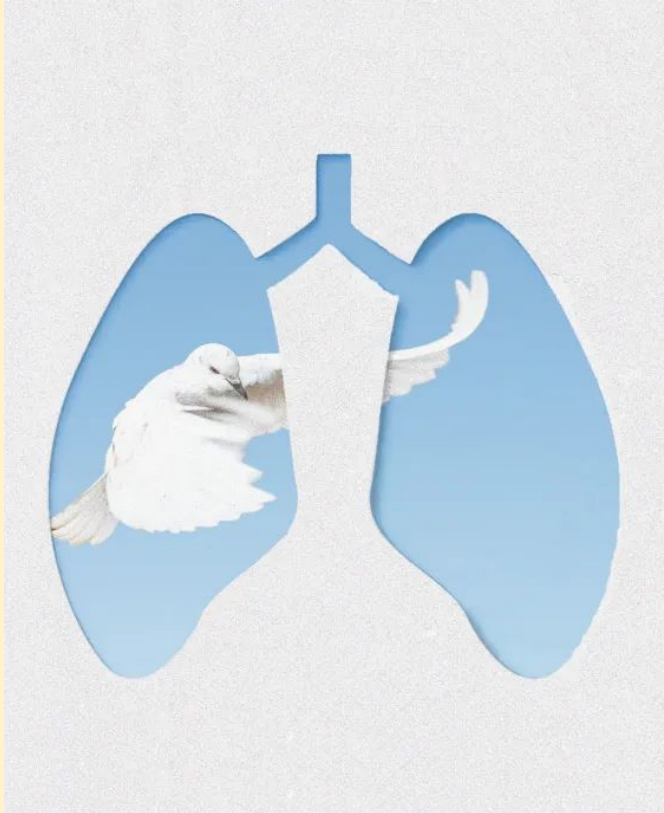


Exodus 13

EZEKIEL 1:26-28

Above this surface was something that looked like a throne made of blue lapis lazuli. And on this throne high above was a figure whose appearance resembled a man. From what appeared to be his waist up, he looked like gleaming amber, flickering like a fire. And from his waist down, he looked like a burning flame, shining with splendor. All around him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the Lord looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground, and I heard someone's voice speaking to me.

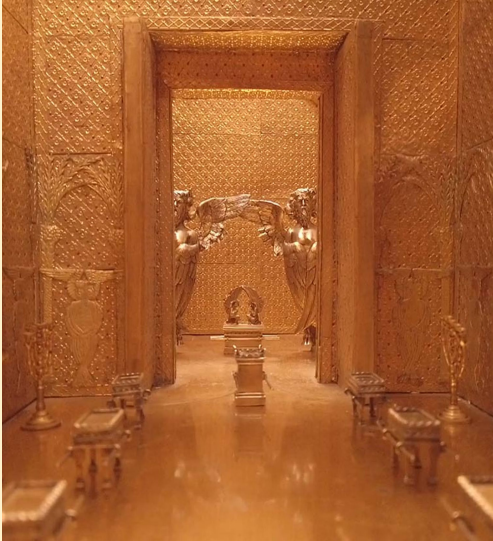
THE HOLY SPIRIT – WIND?



The Breath of God

- Ruach - divine animating force
- Scripture
 - Gen 1.2 (“the Ruach Elohim was hovering upon the face of the waters”)
 - Gen 2.7 (life into Adam)
 - Job 33.4 (life-giving breath)
 - John 20.22 (receive the HS)
 - 2 Tim 3.16 (Scripture as God-breathed)
 - Eze 37 (breath into bones, hearts into flesh)

THE HOLY SPIRIT – ST PAUL



1 Corinthians 6:19

“You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit that you received from God and that lives in you.”

What’s going on?

Paul’s concern is that when we sin, we draw God into that sin because God is within us.





*The Tower
of Babel*
Pieter Bruegel
the Elder
Gen 11.1-9

PETER'S SERMON - FULFILMENT

- Joel 2:28–32: God's Spirit (Ruach) will be poured out in the last days.
- If the last days began 2000 years ago, then, that's um, like, y'know, a lot of last days, eh? Like, so many... ?



PETER'S SERMON - REDEMPTION

- Jesus crucified but not without purpose
- Gen 50.20 – "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"



Jesus is
Lord



LORD

Translation of several titles given to God. When spelled in the OT with small capital letters (LORD) it translates Hebrew Yahweh (YHWH), “I AM,” the personal name of God.

CHRIST

Transliteration of the Greek for “anointed one” (equivalent to Hebrew Messiah). The term is used throughout the NT as a title for Jesus, indicating his role as Messiah and Savior.



THE PROMISE

“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to **those far away**—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”



WHAT STOOD OUT FOR YOU TODAY?

- Have a conversation with your neighbour
- Make some notes in your Bible/journal
- Share something with the group



NEXT WEEK

Week 4: Growing witness and opposition (Acts 3:1–5:42)

