

The First Church

-22nd Story-



152Page



153Page



154Page

Narration Jesus rose from the dead three days after being crucified. 40 days after rising from the dead, He was taken up into heaven. Then the disciples gathered in the loft and prayed together. They were joined by Mary and other women who had followed Jesus. Together they prayed in earnest. Ten days later came the day of Pentecost.

Narration On this day, Jesus' disciples and His followers gathered in the loft room to pray. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit which Jesus had promised. The disciples and the other followers began to speak in languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Dialect 1 Arigatôgozaimashita~ Sumimasen~~

Dialect 1 Yes Sese~~

Dialect 1 Dear Heavenly Father~ Thank you~~

Narration Those who heard this sound spoke in bewilderment.

Person 1 Aren't they all Galileans? Then how is it that they all speak in different languages?

Person 2 They must have had too much wine~

Narration Peter began to preach the Word to the people.

P e t e r After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit has come who helps us understand the teachings of Jesus. God sent Jesus to save you all.

Narration Those who heard Peter speak asked him questions.

Crowd 1 Then what should we do to be saved?

P e t e r Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins

Crowd 2 Is that all? If we repent and are baptised, will we be saved??



155Page

P e t e r Yes, that's right.

Narration Those who heard Peter were filled with awe. Those who embraced his message were baptised and about 3000 were added to the believers that day. Thereafter, the apostles continued to preach the Word and whenever they did, many would repent and believe.



156Page

Narration Jesus' apostles and believers gathered every day in the temple courts to pray and praise God. They sold their possessions and goods to give to anyone in need. After they were filled with the Holy Spirit they all devoted themselves to the teachings of Jesus and to fellowship and prayer. Those who saw this were filled with awe. They praised the apostles and the believers and with them, praised and worshipped God. Every day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. This was the First Church



157Page