Scripture: John 16 v 13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Subject: When the Holy Spirit comes

In this message today I want to consider what happened when the words of Jesus come to pass. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have many stories of the words of Jesus coming to pass.

In Matthew 8 v 2 & 3 Jesus meets a man with leprosy. The verses read, "*A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy."*

John 5 v 5 to 8 *"One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"*
"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."
Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."

These are just two instances of the words of Jesus says, coming to pass. The disciple John wrote at the end of his account of the life of Jesus says in John 21 v 25 *"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written"*

Luke 24 v 49 says, *"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high"*
In the words of Jesus to His disciples we do have a clear understanding of

what would happen when the Holy Spirit arrived.

From these verses then we have clear knowledge concerning the advent of the Holy Spirit and what would happen.
When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost lets see what took place. 120 disciples of Jesus were gathered together in an upper room of a house fulfilling the word of Jesus

Lets see what happens when the Spirit comes. Looking at Acts 2 v 1 to 6 there was

A Sound. The first sign that something was happening is that there was a sound, the sound of a rushing mighty wind, which fills the entire house where they were sitting.

There are instances in scripture where God used wind for specific purposes. God used the wind to dry the earth after the flood.
The Lord brought an east wind to part the red sea so Israel could pass over it on dry land.
1Kings 18 v 45 we read "*And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain"*

The wind in Acts 2 preceded the cloven tongues of fire that rested on each of the 120 in the upper room, so we have here the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Each was filled with the Holy Spirit.

This was the advent of the Holy Spirit; this was the word of Jesus coming to pass. The good news is the Holy Spirit is still filling people and the sign of speaking in tongues is still in evidence today.

In Mark 16 v 17 Jesus said you shall speak with new tongues, a divine utterance is generated through our lips and a new language is expressed.
Following the sound we see.

The Spirit

Acts 2 v 4 says, *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to*

speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"

Three outstanding features were very evident when the 120 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Lets note them.

1. The Filling was Personal.

Jesus had told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until you receive the promise of the Father you have heard from me, it was a direct word of instruction, a word that 120 of the disciples took to heart and obeyed.

For several days they met together in an upper room, waiting, they had no idea what would happen when the Holy Spirits advent would happen, all they knew is that when they received the Spirit they would be clothed with power from on high, Jesus had told them, I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

What happened to them was very personal; each one received the Holy Spirit for themselves. The Holy Spirit was available to them, and they were available to the Holy Spirit. Then we notice that.

2. The Expression was Verbal,

Because everyone heard them speaking in tongues this was a unique visitation of the Holy Spirit because Jerusalem had visitors from all different parts of the world and each visitor heard their own language being spoken.

Jesus had said they would speak in new tongues, as soon as they received the Holy Spirit and were filled, they spoke in a language they had never had to learn, it was a clear expression of the Holy Spirit speaking through them the wonderful works of God.

Everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit does not speak about themselves, but only speaks about Jesus and the works of God. Jesus had said that when the Spirit comes he will not speak of himself, but will take the things

of mine and show them to you.

3. The Evidence was Noticeable.

Acts 2 v 15 to 17 Peter speaking says, “These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams”

There was visible evidence of the fact that the Holy Spirit had arrived. The advent of the Holy Spirit was already making an impact; the visible evidence noticeable by what was happening resulted in the people being amazed.

We are living now in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the period in which the Holy Spirit is still filling people, still filling people personally, the same signs that were present in Acts, can be experienced today.

People filled with the Holy Spirit can still speak in tongues; the evidence of the miraculous is still to be seen in lives being changed by the gospel of Christ.

The Spirit.

And Salvation.