

# Receiving the Spirit and Baptism in the Spirit

## The Link Between Acts and the Gospels

[see John 20:22 -- taking or receiving](#)

**What is the difference between receiving the Holy Spirit and Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

**Was the Holy Spirit Baptism given while Jesus was on Earth?**

**When was the Holy Spirit Baptism released to the Jews?**

**When was the Holy Spirit first given to the Gentiles?**

**Does the Glorification of Christ refer to his Ascension or his Resurrection?**

**The Gospels are about who?**

**How do they begin?**

**How do they end?**

**Do they all teach the same thing?**

**Are there any conflicts or inconsistencies between any of the Gospels?**

In [Acts 1:4-5](#) what did Jesus say was going to happen in a few days?

When did he say this?

When was it fulfilled?

Are there any parallel passages in the Bible?

Are [Luke 24:36-49](#) and [John 20:19-23](#) parallel passages?

What did Jesus say to the disciples in [John 20:22](#)?

Does a [study of the original Greek New Testament](#) shed any light on this?

If the disciples received the Holy Spirit while Jesus was still with them, why do the other Gospels not mention such an important and significant event?

The word for 'receive' in John 20:22 can also be translated as 'take'. In fact, on the other six instances it is used in the New Testament, it is translated as 'take'. Could Jesus have been telling the disciples to take the Holy Spirit and go to the Gentiles?

Can we tell whether Jesus was saying i) *"As the father has sent me, I am sending you.....Take (receive) the Holy Spirit (now) and if you forgive anybody their sins, I will forgive them"* OR ii) *"As the father has sent me, I am sending you.....take the Holy Spirit (which I am about to give you) and if you forgive anybody their sins, I will forgive them" ?*

Which of these explanations agrees with other passages in the Bible that talk about receiving the Holy Spirit?

What about [Luke 11:13](#). How do you explain that?

**Which of these explanations agrees with the other Gospels?**

**Which of these explanations agrees with [John 7:39](#) and [John 16:7-8](#)?**

**Could [Luke 24:36-49](#) [John 20:19-23](#) and [Acts 1:4-5](#) be parallel passages?**

[see illustration](#)