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GOD HAS SPOKEN. HE HAS PRESERVED IT. WE CAN TRUST IT.

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

Jesus Promised the Holy Spirit Would Guide the Apostles

1

The apostles did not understand everything while Jesus was with them.

John 16:12

- “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”

2

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would teach them.

John 14:25–26

- The Spirit would teach them all things.
- The Spirit would bring Jesus’ teaching to their remembrance.

3

The Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth.

John 16:12–15

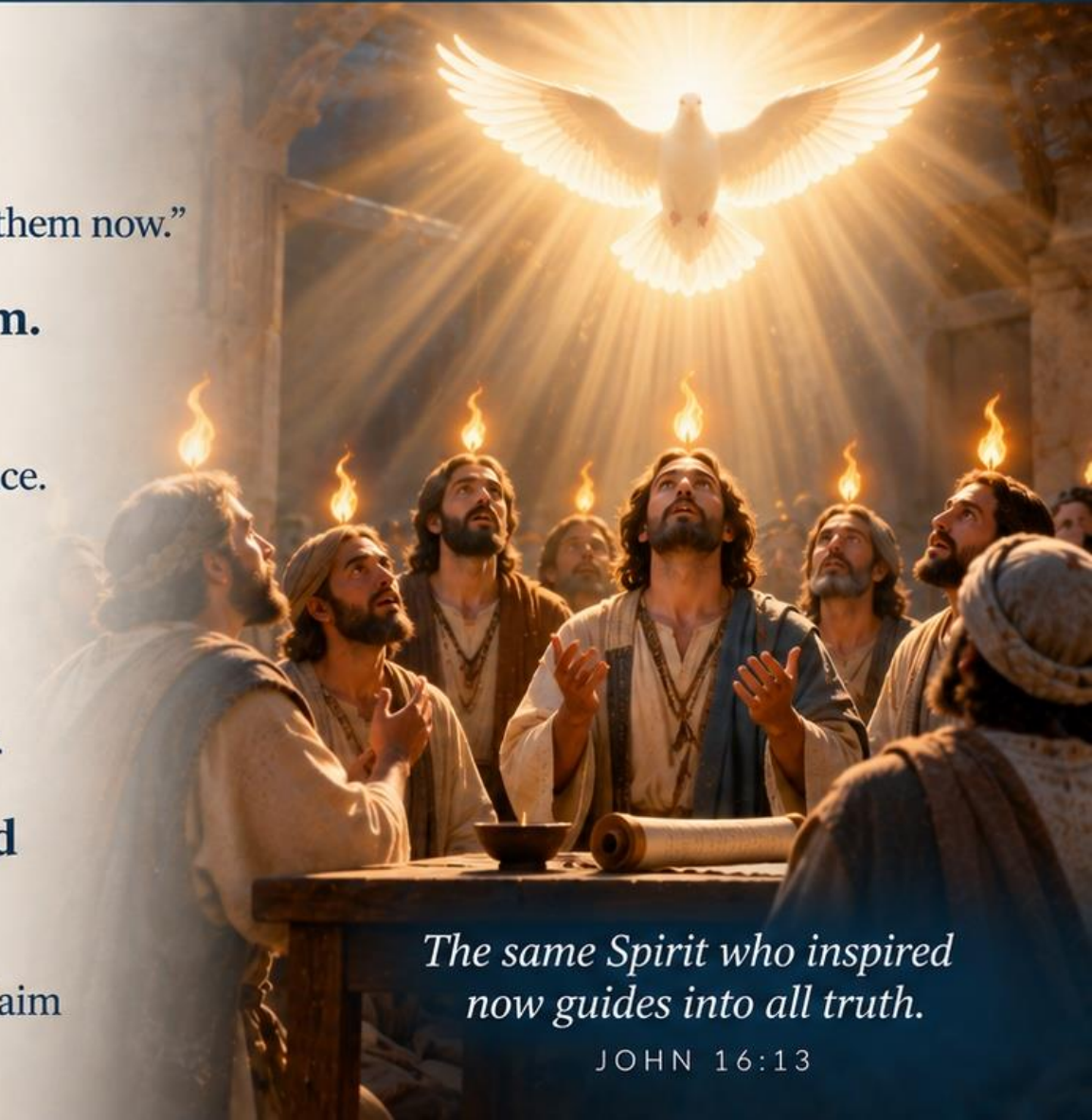
- The Spirit would not speak on His own authority.
- He would reveal what Christ wanted the apostles to know.

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The Spirit would reveal things the apostles could not have known naturally.

John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9–13; Ephesians 3:3–5

- The apostles would be given divine understanding to proclaim God’s full plan of salvation.



*The same Spirit who inspired
now guides into all truth.*

JOHN 16:13

The Apostles Spoke and Wrote by Inspiration

1

The promised Holy Spirit came upon the apostles.

Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:1–4

- Pentecost marked an important transition in New Testament revelation.

2

The apostles proclaimed God's revealed message.

Acts 2:14–41

- Their preaching was not merely personal opinion, but God's message.

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The Holy Spirit revealed God's truth through inspired words.

1 Corinthians 2:10–13; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21

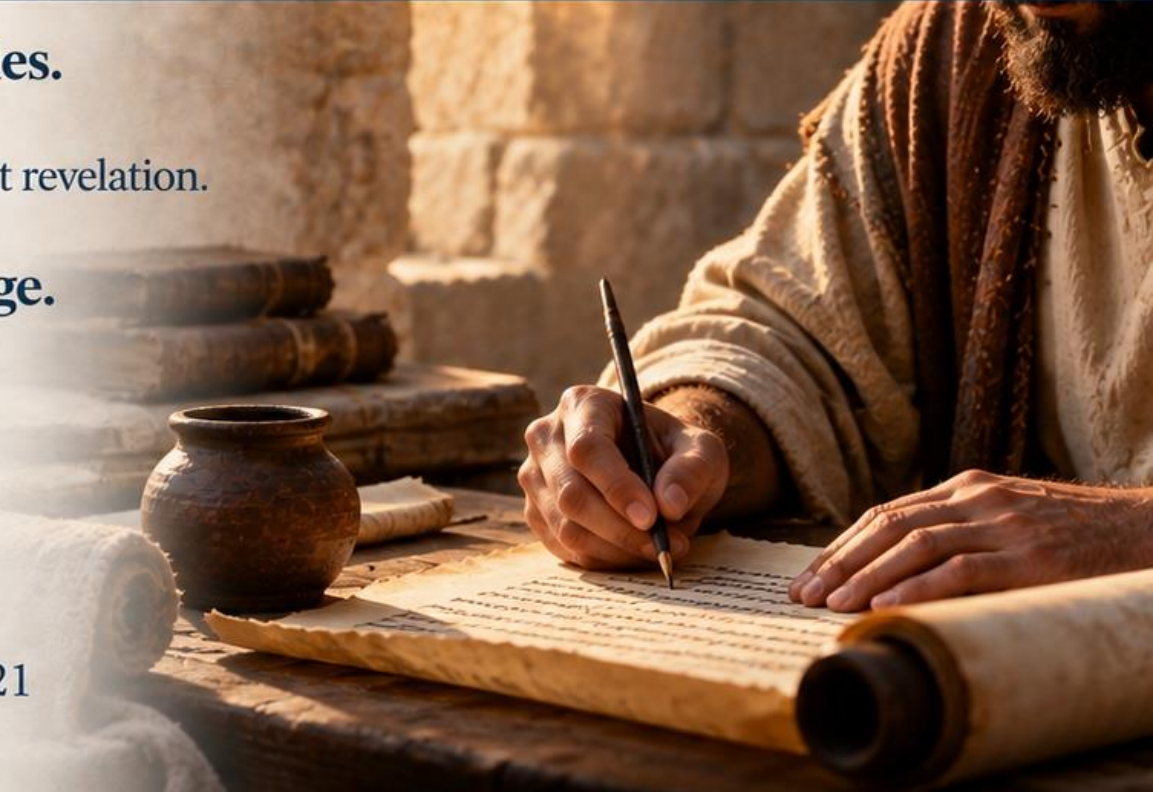
- They spoke and wrote what God wanted them to say.

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The apostles understood their message to carry divine authority.

1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

- Their message was received as the very word of God.



"These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you soon, are a charge for you to be read before all the church."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:27

New Testament Revelation Was Written Down

1

At first, the gospel was proclaimed orally.

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:14–41

- The message existed before all 27 New Testament books had been written.

2

Inspired revelation also took written form.

Luke 1:1–4; John 20:30–31; Ephesians 3:3–4; 1 John 1:4; Revelation 1:11, 19

- The apostles and other inspired men wrote down God's revelation.

3

The writings were intended to be read by churches.

Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27; Revelation 1:3–4

- These letters and accounts were shared, read, and passed among congregations.

4

The writings were recognized as authoritative during the apostolic period.

1 Timothy 5:18 (cf. Luke 10:7); 2 Peter 3:15–16

- Apostolic writings were regarded as Scripture.

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

JOHN 20:31