

Mission Possible: Pentecost

Matthew 28: 19-20; Matthew 29: 26; Mark 10:27; Acts 1: 15-26; Acts 2: 1-40.

With God, all things are possible! Go, tell the whole world about Jesus? That's a tall order, but the disciples hadn't experienced being baptised in the Holy Spirit yet...watch out! Here comes Pentecost!

(Play theme music of "Mission: Impossible" –you can download this, use a search engine to find it- and fade it out)

(Peter and Andrew, carrying a brief case/dossier, enter.)

Andrew: Play the tape! *(this can literally be a pre-recorded cassette, play it to come out of speakers)*

Tape: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go, make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to follow everything Jesus taught you. To help you on this mission, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Remember, with God all things are possible. This tape will self-destruct in three seconds. *(ends with sound effect of taping fizzing into destruction- you can download sound effects, use a search engine to find)*

Andrew: *(opens dossier, takes out two clear sleeves, speaking at same time)*
This is the choice of agents to replace Judas on the Possible Mission Taskforce...Barsabbas, a-k-a Justus, or Matthias.

(Andrew puts them behind his back and switches them about)

Peter: Lord, do you choose the left hand or the right hand? *(pause)* He says the right...

Andrew: Matthias it is!

(Enter Matthias. Play sound effect of violent - you can download sound effects, use a search engine to find - Andrew, Peter and Matthias take flame cardboard cut-out headbands from briefcase and put on their heads – all face forward in a line)

Andrew: We're ready for action!

Peter: People of Jerusalem! We want to tell you about Jesus and we are not afraid to do so!

Matthias: Jesus Christ is the Lord of all, he's the Lord of all the earth!

Person in Crowd: You're all drunk!

Peter: We're not drunk! It's only nine in the morning!

Matthias: In no other name is there salvation, Jesus is Lord of all

Andrew: You saw his miracles, wonders and signs – he was sent by God and raised from death by God

Peter: We are witnesses to his resurrection, and because this Jesus is now seated at the right hand of his father in heaven, he has given us the Holy Spirit, as he promised

Andrew: In the past only God's prophets were touched by his Holy Spirit, but now God wants to pour out his Spirit over all who believe in his son, Jesus

Peter: And all who believe will prophesy, or have visions, or dreams, or speak in different languages

Person in Crowd: What should we do?!

Peter: Save yourselves – repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Andrew: That's another 3000 for the Possible Mission Taskforce!

(Play theme music from beginning again, and fade out)