Stephen was chosen as a deacon, a worker for the church. Did signs and wonders? Enemies lied about him to the council, who arrested him. He was stoned for pointing out their murder of Jesus.

“Then Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.” Acts 7:55

Deafens was one of two men qualified to replace Judas Iscariot. He followed Jesus from the time of His baptism to His ascension. The Holy Spirit chose Matthias through the casting of lots.

Apostles

“Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.” Acts 1:26

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“Disciple”

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Disciple

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Acts 2:4

Jews from around the world came to celebrate Pentecost at Jerusalem.
Peter and the apostles taught the crowd about Christ’s resurrection.
The crowd believed and wanted to make things right with God.
Peter told them to repent and be baptized.

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“Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land…” Acts 5:3

Ananias and his wife Sapphira wanted to appear more generous than they were.
By lying to Peter, they also lied to the Holy Spirit.
The church learned God can not be deceived, and he hates hypocrisy.

“Apostle”

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money.” Acts 8:18

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