

Scripture Readings for the week

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

John 7:37-39

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place.***

This verse on its own tells us of the importance of being together, in unity, and having one purpose. These disciples (120 in total), purposely gathered for prayer in an upper room celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

I believe Jesus's words continuously burned within; ***“John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***

Pentecost in the Old Testament was a time known as the Feast of Weeks. The Greek word means fifty and refers to the fifty days that have elapsed since the wave offering of Passover. The Feast of Weeks celebrated the end of grain harvest.

GOD used these two Feasts to reveal Himself fully.

At **Passover**, God delivered the nation from slavery physically through the Exodus.

That same Passover Feast (we know as Holy Week and Easter) is where Jesus reveals Himself as the Servant King, the suffering Messiah, and the Saviour of the world, through His death and resurrection.

The end of Messiah's earthly ministry.

At the ***Feast of Pentecost***, when they were gathered as verse one says, 'With one accord in one place.' He reveals Himself again in power by wind, fire, and baptism! The Holy Spirit, the member of the Godhead who remains on the earth; teaching, refreshing, and empowering, comes and fills every one of them.

The Church is born, and Jesus's earthly ministry continues through those who believe.

Thank You Father for sending Your Son, Jesus.

Thank You Jesus that You came and gave up Yourself as an offering for all mankind!

Thank You, Holy Spirit that You remain in the earth to draw us, teach us, empower us and guide us.

Thank You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Amen.