



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Mid-Week Devotion
May 16, 2021

From Pentecost to Pentecost

Initially the term "Pentecost" in the book of Acts is a reference to a Jewish festival, the Festival of Weeks. It's a harvest festival that's celebrated 7 weeks and one day after the first day of Passover. The term "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." All of the apostles like good Jewish folks would celebrate the Festival of Weeks 50 days following Passover. Since Jesus was crucified on Passover and then ascended 40 days following His resurrection (stay with me on this), He tells the disciples to return to Jerusalem following His ascension and to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We know, unlike the disciples the Holy Spirit will arrive in 10 days following His ascension which is 50 days after His resurrection. The arrival of the Holy Spirit coincides with the Jewish celebration of the Festival of Weeks or Pentecost. Richard Lenski notes regarding the Christian tradition of celebrating Pentecost that "*a well-defined distinct Christian celebration did not exist until later years, when Christians kept the name of Pentecost but began to calculate the date of the feast based on Easter rather than the Jewish Passover.*" This Sunday, May 23 is 7 weeks or 7 Sunday's following Easter, our Pentecost!

Pr. Wayne

This Sunday, May 23, Pentecost, we begin meeting at Wrightwood Elementary School for both services, 9AM and 11AM with Children's Programs at the 9AM service only.