



Series Pentecost

Passage Leviticus 23:15-21

Title Messiah in the Feast of Pentecost

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- **Discussion Starter:** What areas of your life has this Sunday's message caused you to ponder and reflect on the most?

The Background (Leviticus 23:15-21; Exodus 20:1-26; Joshua 5:11-12)

- What type of character building values do you think God desired to manifest in the Jewish people by having them observe the feast of Shavuot each year?
- What do you think was the significance of the counting of the Omer for seven weeks of days to the Jewish people? What day was it supposed to start and when did it first occur?
- What symbolism did the two loaves of challah that were offered to the LORD on Shavuot have for the Jews as they first entered into the Promised Land? What is uniquely different about this offering?

Modern Observance (Ezekiel 1; Psalm 68:17-20)

- What are some of the dairy foods eaten during the feast of Shavuot and what do they symbolize in a spiritual sense?
- Why do you think the Jews today read Ezekiel 1 and Psalm 68:17-20 on the Feast of Shavuot and what specific event is this reading pointing to?

The Messiah Connection (Ezekiel 11:14-20; Acts 2:1-41; James 1:18; Ruth)

- What are some of the similarities and differences that you see between the Feast of Weeks and the day of Pentecost as described in Acts 2:1-41? How is Jesus connected to both?
- The Feast of Weeks is also called the Feast of First Fruits. How is this connected to Jesus?
- What role do you think the Pentecost will play in the future as God unfolds His final plan on earth for His saints?