

SCRIPTURES FOR January 16, 2022

Acts 2:36-47 Common English Bible (CEB)

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a mighty way, with the sound of a loud, violent wind and tongues of fire resting upon each one. They received the ability to speak languages that others, from throughout the region, could understand. Peter preached to a large crowd attracted by the sound of the Spirit's arrival. He told them the Good news about Jesus' resurrection and what it meant.

³⁶“Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites.” ⁴⁰With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”⁴¹ Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

⁴²The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. ⁴³A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.