

## **ACTS of GOD #6: The Messiah You Murdered is Mighty**

Acts 2:22-36 2/10/2019

### **Reviewing the Situation**

- Disciples received understanding of the Scriptures & their role in fulfillment
- The Spirit's Power comes on Pentecost & a crowd is gathered in Jerusalem
- Peter explains it scripturally & proclaims the inauguration of the Last days
  - This sign means Messiah has come & the Spirit has been poured out
  - This sign means the final day is coming, so call on the Name of the Lord

<sup>21</sup> *'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

- Jesus of Nazareth, the Name of the LORD upon whom to call for salvation

### **This Man, Jesus of Nazareth**

**Acts 2:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> *"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—*

- This man whose miracles were clearly observed
  - He was attested to you by God with miracles & wonders & signs
  - Shown forth by proof, Connecting a claim to the basis
  - 'No one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him'*
  - Nicodemus in John 3:2
- Performed in your midst, as you yourselves know, Men of Israel

<sup>23</sup> *this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan & foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men & put Him to death.*

- This man whose murder was completely ordained
  - Delivered over by the predetermined plan & foreknowledge of God
  - Delivered- surrendered or given over to an enemy
    - Predetermined-within designated limits, marked-off boundaries
    - Plan- a resolution, according to deliberate wisdom, a decree
    - Foreknowledge: By pre-arrangement & previous determination
  - His horrible death does not preclude Him from being Messiah
    - Psalm 22 & Isaiah 53 point to the crucifixion as God's plan
- Delivered over for crucifixion to the hands of Godless men
  - You (Men of Israel) Nailed to a cross & put to death
    - Held Culpable & Responsible for sin
    - Even though you got the Romans to carry it out
    - Even though the crucifixion fulfilled God's purpose

### **This Jesus, Both Lord & Christ**

**Acts 2:24-36**

<sup>36</sup> *Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.*

- He is Lord & Christ b/c He was raised up to life by God (v.24-32)
- We are all witnesses that this Jesus was raised up again by God (32)

<sup>32</sup> *This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.*

- David was a prophetic witness that spoke of Christ's Resurrection
  - Verse 25-28 recounts Psalm 16:8-11 & Refers to Christ not David

<sup>25</sup> *For David says of Him, 'I saw the Lord always in my presence; For He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> 'Therefore my heart was glad & my tongue exulted; Moreover my flesh also will live in hope; <sup>27</sup> Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. <sup>28</sup> 'You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'*

- Peter applies the Passage to the resurrection of the Christ

<sup>29</sup> *"Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died & was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> And so, because he was a prophet & knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he looked ahead & spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.*

- The Agony of Death is ended b/c it has no power over Him

<sup>24</sup> *But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.*

- He is Lord & Christ b/c He was raised up to Heaven by God (v.33-35)

<sup>33</sup> *Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, & having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see & hear.<sup>34</sup> For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,<sup>35</sup> Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."*

- Exalted & Given the Name Above Every Other Name (Phil 2)
  - Seated at the Right Hand of Power
  - Sending forth the Holy Spirit
  - Sitting until His enemies are brought low

- He is Lord & Christ, Let all the house of Israel know for certain (v.36)

<sup>36</sup> *Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.*

- Know for Certain the One You Crucified is Christ
- Know for Certain the One You Loathed is Lord
- Know for Certain the One You Murdered is Mighty

*Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!*  
**-Psalm 2:12**

- Don't receive the Message of the Cross while ignoring the Majesty of Christ