

JESUS' RESURRECTION & ASCENSION — ACTS 2:22-36

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD ON PENTECOST

Ac.2:22-24

- Even those who do not believe are witnesses to the miracles and power of God.
- If Jesus was crucified today He would have been rejected by us.
- The ULTIMATE cause of Jesus' death was God's plan and foreknowledge. The SECONDARY cause are the godless Jewish and Roman men. But the REAL cause was the sin of all men.
- God, a higher Judge, reversed the decision of Jesus' human judges evidenced by the resurrection.
- Jesus endured the pains of death as the wages for our sin so we could be free.
- It was not possible that Jesus should remain a victim of sin and the grave, because He was sinless and is the God of life.



THE PROPHECY AND PRESENCE OF DAVID'S TOMB — Ps.16:8-11

Ac.2:25-31

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. ¹⁰For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Ps.16:8-11)

- Peter appealed to **Psalm 16:8-11** to prove that David prophesied Messiah's resurrection. Peter applied this to Jesus.
- That work was an act of holiness so that Jesus Himself did not become a sinner, even though He bore the GUILT of our sin.
- Apart from the resurrection, we would have no proof that Jesus successfully paid for our sin.
- The enthronement on David's throne is a future event while the enthronement at the Father's right hand is an accomplished fact. Peter did not say that Jesus now sits on David's throne. That will happen when Messiah returns.
- Peter points out that this Psalm cannot be speaking of its human author, David, because he is dead and remains buried.

THE WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION

Ac.2:32

- Peter and the apostles witnessed Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

THE SUPERNATURAL EVENTS OF PENTECOST

Ac.2:33

- Throughout Acts, the presence of the Spirit is seen as the distinguishing mark of Christianity.
- Peter affirms that what is going on is the work of the risen and ascended Jesus, who has sent His Holy Spirit on believers.

THE ASCENSION PROPHECY OF DAVID'S GREATER SON — Ps.110:1

Ac.2:34-36

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." (Ps.110:1)

- David is not the one who ascended bodily to heaven. Only Messiah could do that!
- Yahweh said to David's Lord, Messiah, sit beside me and rule for Me, and I will subdue your enemies.
- Jesus applied this Psalm to Himself (**Mt.22:43-44; Mk.12:35-37; Lk.20:41-42**).
- Peter's statement that Jesus is presently at 'the right hand of God,' in fulfillment of **Psalm 110:1**, has been a focal point of disagreement between dispensational and non-dispensational interpreters.
- Non-dispensationist see Peter's statement as reinterpreting the Davidic messianic prophecies. They believe the messianic throne has been transferred from Jerusalem to heaven.
- Christ's enthronement to the right hand of the Father is the Son returning to the position He gave up at the incarnation (**Jn.17:5**).