PAUL PREACHES JESUS — ACTS 13:14-41

2 JESUS: THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

Hope

v.23-37

- The reason Jesus is presented as the Messiah is because he fulfilled all the Messianic prophecy.
- If in the Old Testament God says such and such will happen, and Jesus comes along and it all happens to him, he is the fulfillment of God's prediction.
- If you're ignorant of the written Word you will inevitably be ignorant of the Living Word (Jesus), and they were. Jesus indicted them for this (**Jn.5:39**).

JESUS IS THE MESSIAH BECAUSE...

1. **The Forerunner John the Baptist Announce it (v.24-25)**
2. **Even in His Execution Prophecy was being Fulfilled (v.26-29)**
3. **Even in His Death God Raised Him (v.30-37)**

- They were ignorant because they didn't even know the Scriptures they professed to read with understanding.
  - Would Bible scholars kill the Messiah they have been waiting for? Yes. It was fulfilled in ignorance.
  - If He was the Messiah and they did kill Him, does that wipe out God's plan? No. It fulfilled it.
- Before we chastise the Jews there are many in the church today who continually read Scripture and have no concept of what God is saying.
- All of the rejection and condemnation of Christ was put in the plan of God from the beginning.
- God said they will reject Him, and they did.
- God reversed the verdict of Israel. "You killed Him, but God raised Him" (**v.30**).

PROMISE 1: "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU" (**v.33**) *(Ps.2:7)*
♥ This has to do with his incarnation and also with his resurrection.

PROMISE 2: "I WILL GIVE YOU THE SURE MERCIES OF DAVID" (**v.34**) *(Is.55:3)*
♥ That's why he had to raise him from the dead, so that the mercies and the blessings could come through him.

PROMISE 3: "YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION" (**v.35**) *(Ps.16:10)*
♥ Jesus' body did not see corruption but David's did.

- The great proof that Jesus is Messiah is His resurrection. Why? Because all the promises God made would be unfulfilled if Jesus was dead (**Ro.1:4**).
- Jesus fulfills every single issue of messianic prophesy in his first coming and his second coming.

1 JESUS: THE CULMINATION OF HISTORY — Identity — v.14-23

2 JESUS: THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY — Hope — v.23-37

3 JESUS: THE JUSTIFIER OF SINNERS — Sin — v.38-41