

Acts 2:24-32 - The Resurrection of the Christ - 11/20/2022

Review: Peter's Gospel - Main theme = Jesus / 7 Sub-themes

This section (Acts 2:24-32) is the heart of Peter's Proclamation

The main focus of Peter's message is the Resurrection of Jesus
The Resurrection of Jesus is the main focus of the Gospel in Acts
The Cross / Jesus dying for their sins: never mentioned in Acts
Why the Resurrection is central to our message to unbelievers

God raised Jesus from the dead (2X) = Resurrection as vindication

Vindicate: provide evidence or proof to substantiate a claim made
Resurrection = event beyond all natural explanation
God raised Jesus as testimony of what He had declared
Matthew 3:17
Matthew 17:5

Loosing the pangs of death / Not possible for Jesus to be held by death

Pangs of death: Pangs = birth agony imagery
Not possible:
Held by death = under its power (1 Corinthians 15:56)

David's Messianic Prophecy of the Resurrection (Psalm 16:8-11)

His soul not abandoned to Hades
The Holy One did not see corruption (Genesis 3:19)

Peter proves David was speaking of the Messiah not himself

Rabbis believed David was speaking of his own circumstances
Peter: David's tomb is with us to this day

David foresaw the resurrection of Christ

God revealed the future event of the Resurrection to him

The Resurrected One is the Promised Enthroned One

David as prophet connected God's promise to Christ's Resurrection
No more Davidic kings at this point

We (Apostles) are witnesses of His Resurrection (proven event in history)

Witnesses are essential in Court to prove an event is factual and true
Resurrection: not legendary or mythological but actual and historical

Application For Today

Recognize: the centrality of the Resurrection of Jesus to the Gospel
Make: the Resurrection of Jesus the emphasis of your Gospel sharing
Rejoice: that God has vindicated His Son in the Resurrection
Honor: the Resurrected One as the Enthroned King of God's Kingdom
Believe: the eyewitness testimony of the Apostles to the Resurrection