

THE PSALMS AND THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

ACTS 2:25-36

Introduction

- A. Jesus was clearly shown to the Jews to be the Messiah
  - 1) "a man approved among you"
  - 2) by "miracles", "signs" and "wonders"
  
- B. They rejected Him
  - 1) "ye have taken" Vs. 23
  - 2) "ye have crucified and slain" Vs. 23
  
- C. God raised Him up
  - 1) "whom God hath raised up"
  - 2) "loosed the pains of death"
  
- D. Peter at this point uses the Psalms to prove that David did not speak of himself
  - 1) The Jews were a Bible people
  - 2) Peter used it to prove Jesus the Messiah
  
- I. David's Statement Concerning Christ Vs. 25-28
  - A. "For David speaketh concerning him"
    - 1) Psalm 16:8-11
    - 2) "For David says as to Him"
  
  - B. The truths David said of Him
    - 1) He is always at God's right hand Vs. 25
      - a. "foresaw" = prooraaō = "to see beforehand"
      - b. "to have before one's eyes"
    - 2) This presence brings him happiness
      - a. Vs. 26a



- 3) This presence brings him hope Vs. 26b
- 4) He will not leave his soul in the grave Vs. 27a
  - a. "soul" = psuchen = "soul of me" + mov = "me"
  - b. "leave" = egkataleipo = "to leave down to one's heirs", "to leave remaining", "abandon"
  - c. "grave" = ades = "the place of departed spirits"
- 5) He would not see corruption Vs. 27b
  - a. "suffer" = doreo = "to make a gift of"
  - b. "corruption" = diaphthora = "a spoiling throughout, especially arising from decay and rotting"
- 6) He knew the way of life Vs. 28a
  - a. "life" = xoes = "life"
  - b. He knew the "way" of living
- 7) He was happy to be in God's presence Vs. 28b

## II. Who Was David Speaking About? Vs. 29-31

- A. Not David, for David is Dead and buried Vs. 29
  - 1) "let me speak "freely" = meta = "with" + parresia = "boldly", "what is on one's mind"
  - 2) "he died and was buried"
  - 3) "We know where his tomb is today" Peter seems to say, "we know where his tomb is, go and dig, see if he is raised up"
- B. David knew this to be prophetic Vs. 30
  - 1) David was a prophet
  - 2) He knew what God had sworn Psalm 132:11
  - 3) Gabriel reaffirmed this oath Luke 1:26-33
  - 4) "according to the flesh"
- C. This was a prophecy concerning Christ Vs. 31
  - 1) "Christ" = "annointed"

## III. Jesus Is The Christ Vs. 32-33

- A. He is raised up, "This Jesus" Vs. 32
  - 1) "This Jesus hath God raised up, where of we all are witnesses"
  - 2) The people in the assembly had seen Him.

B. He is exalted, "This Jesus" Vs. 33a

- 1) He is seated at God's right hand Acts 7:56
- 2) "exalted" = upsoo = "to raise up high", "lift up"
- 3) Philippians 2:9 - "wherefore God also highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name:"

C. Jesus has caused this which they see and hear Vs. 33b

- 1) ".....and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear"
- 2) "shed" = ekcheo = "to pour out" Vs. 17-18

IV. David Has Not Ascended Vs. 34-35

A. "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool."

- 1) David has not been exalted
- 2) He has not been resurrected
- 3) The exaltation of the Lord was prophesied by David Psalm 110:1
- 4) Jesus has ascended

B. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ"

- 1) "assuredly" = asphalos = "that which cannot be tripped up or thrown down", "certainly"
- 2) "crucified" = staurow = "to nail to a stake"
- 3) Jesus is Lord and Christ"

V. The Message of Truth to the Jews by the Early Church

A. Paul at Thessalonica Acts 17:1-3

- 1) He went into the synagogue
- 2) Reasoned out of the Scriptures

B. His main points

- 1) His main points
- 2) Risen again from the dead
- 3) Jesus is Christ