

What God Has Done Through Jesus

Acts 2:22-36

INTRODUCTION

- A. “All hail the pow’r of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate fall! Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all!”
- B. God has done wonderful things through his Son!
 - 1. It is through Jesus that God saved the world.
 - 2. Peter’s message on Pentecost is what God did through Jesus.
 - a. The Holy Spirit fell on the Twelve.
 - b. Peter defended himself and the other apostles against the accusation that they were drunk.
 - c. He said that their speaking in tongues was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit prophesied by Joel.
 - 3. Peter then tells what God did through Jesus.
 - a. This sermon is really about Jesus.
 - b. Yet, Peter over and over refers to God—the sermon is “What God Did Through Jesus.”

ON EARTH, vv. 22-28

- A. God attested Jesus by mighty deeds, v. 22.
 - 1. God attested Jesus, i.e., he pointed him out.
 - 2. He did this through the various miracles Jesus did.
 - 3. These miracles were done in the presence of people.
 - a. Peter said, “As you yourselves know.”
 - b. The people at Pentecost knew the type of miracles Jesus did--Jesus did not do his miracles in secret.
- B. God delivered him, v. 23.
 - 1. God delivered Jesus according to his definite plan and foreknowledge.
 - a. God had a plan for Jesus.
 - b. That plan was that he would die for the forgiveness of our sins.
 - c. The cross was not an accident.
 - 2. Yet, those who crucified Jesus had free will.
 - a. They took Jesus and crucified him themselves--”you crucified and killed.”
 - b. God did not force them to crucify Jesus.
- C. God raised him from the dead, vv. 24-28.
 - 1. God raised him up and loosed the pangs of death.
 - 2. It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death, because David had prophesied that he would not.
 - a. David had said that his soul would not be abandoned.
 - b. David had said that the Holy One would not see corruption.
 - c. God kept his promise!

IN HEAVEN, vv. 29-36

- A. God did not exalt David, vv. 29-31.
 - 1. David had spoken of exaltation, but Peter makes clear it was not David’s own exaltation.
 - 2. David is dead and buried--Peter said they even knew where his grave was.
 - 3. David was a prophet.

- a. God had promised David that one of his descendants would be greatly exalted.
 - b. David foresaw the resurrection and subsequent glory of Jesus.
- B. God exalted Jesus, vv. 32-36.
- 1. God raised him from the dead, v. 32.
 - a. God did not raise Jesus in a dark corner.
 - b. Peter said that he and the other apostles were witnesses.
 - 2. God exalted Jesus to his right hand, v. 33.
 - a. The right hand was a symbol of power.
 - b. God exalted Jesus and gave him a position of power over the rest of the universe.
 - 3. God gave Jesus the promise of the Holy Spirit, v. 33.
 - a. God kept his promise and gave the Holy Spirit to Jesus.
 - b. Jesus in turn poured out the Spirit on his apostles.
 - 4. God testified of this through David, vv. 34-35.
 - a. David did not ascend into heaven.
 - b. He spoke of the Christ.
 - 5. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, v. 36.
 - a. As Lord Jesus is above all things.
 - 1) “Lord” was the common designation for God in the Greek Old Testament.
 - 2) Peter is claiming that Jesus is divine.
 - 3) But, it’s more than divinity--Jesus is above all things.
 - 4) Jesus needs to be Lord of our lives--he needs to make our decisions.
 - b. God has also made Jesus the Christ.
 - 1) Jesus is God’s Anointed One.
 - 2) He is the promised Messiah.

CONCLUSION

- A. The Jews took this Jesus and crucified him, v. 36.
 - 1. This cut them to their very heart.
 - 2. In desperation, they asked Peter and the others, “What shall we do?”
- B. Peter replied, “Repent, and be baptized for the remission of your sins.”
 - 1. Repentance means to turn from sin and turn to Jesus.
 - 2. Baptism then follows.
 - a. It is immersion in water (that’s what the word “baptism” means).
 - b. It is “for the remission of sins”--to have one’s sins forgiven.
 - 1) Jesus said his blood was poured out for many “for the forgiveness of sins” (Mt. 26:28).
 - 2) If baptism is administered because one is already saved, Jesus died because we were already saved.
 - c. It is “in the name of Jesus Christ”—by his authority.