

## Proclaiming the Resurrection

### Acts 2: 22-36

- The long awaited promise, made to Abraham in Genesis 12, has come in the person and work of Jesus Christ and it is received by faith alone - Galatians 3
- Peter has introduced that the Messianic times or “the last days” had come since the Messiah, Jesus the Nazarene, had come as the Messiah and which is proven in the Psalms which he will reference - Psalm 16 and Psalm 110
- The Scriptures alone are to be our foundation - 1 Corinthians 15:1-5
- Peter has made a bold and courageous claim that Jesus is the Messiah
- Joshua 1:9 - “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

#### I. The Life of Christ - Acts 2:22

- A. The bold claim of miracles and that they were known publicly - John 3:1-2
- B. Luke had made the same statement in Acts 1:3 “by many convincing proofs”
- C. Miracles - Supernatural - Wonders - Marveling of the witness -  
Signs - the intent of the miracles is to point to spiritual truth
- D. In the Gospel of John - There are seven miracles and teaching to point to who Christ is - John 6 the bread of life - John 11 the resurrection and the life
- E. Peter attributes those works to the power of God working through Him - Acts 2: 23, 24, 32, 33, 36 - “in your midst, just as you yourselves know.”

#### II. The Death of Christ - Acts 2:23

- A. God had planned and ordained the delivery and death of Jesus - \* Berkhof
- B. God used evil men to accomplish His purpose without removing their will to do so and the guilt of their actions - Sovereignty and human responsibility are not in conflict - Luke 22:22
- C. Jesus death confirms that He is the Messiah - Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53

#### III. The Resurrection of Christ - Acts 2: 24-32 - The heart of Peter’s sermon -

- A. The resurrection proves His Messianic credential - Romans 6:4-7 and 4:25
- B. The proof of the resurrection found in the Old Testament - Psalm 16:8-11
- C. “The ways of life” could be understood as “the path to resurrection life”
- D. David knew one of his descendants would sit on his throne - 2 Samuel 7:11-16

#### IV. The Exaltation of Christ - Acts 2: 33-36

- A. The Exalting of Christ to the Glory of God the Father empowered by the Holy Spirit - Philippians 2:9-13