



“God Raised Him Up”

Acts 2:22-36

April 17, 2022

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What is one of the most memorable confrontations you’ve observed? Have you ever been publically confronted? Have you ever publically confronted others?

QUICK REVIEW

After a series of resurrection appearances, Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then He ascended to the Father. Jesus then poured out the Holy Spirit on His church during the Feast of Pentecost, causing them to overflow with the praises of God in foreign tongues. When a crowd gathered, Simon Peter stepped forward in the power of the Spirit. He explained what was happening and proclaimed the glory of Christ, boldly confronting the very people responsible for crucifying Jesus. In His message, we received the core truths about Jesus sinners everywhere must hear and believe. Many of our notions about Jesus are confronted too.

Core Essentials about Jesus of Nazareth:

1. **His miraculous life (2:22)**
2. **His preordained death (2:23)**
3. **His unstoppable resurrection (2:24-32)**
4. **His glorious exaltation (2:33-36)**

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Reflecting on this record of Peter's Pentecost sermon, are any previous notions you've held about Jesus confronted or challenged?
2. Read Luke 22:54-62. How does the Peter of Acts 2 compare to the Peter of Luke 22? Any differences? If so, how do we account for the differences?
3. In Acts 2, we see Peter in the very place of his previous failure and collapse. This time He is there in the power of the Holy Spirit. Can you think of any places where you crumbled in the past? What would it look like to return to that place in the power of the Spirit?
4. Peter once recoiled from the thought of Jesus being crucified. Now he proclaims it as a glorious aspect of God's sovereign preordained plan (Acts 2:23). This perspective was filling the prayers of the early church (Acts 4:27-30). What do we learn about the sovereignty of God, even in seemingly tragic or painful circumstances (See also Genesis 50:19-21)? How do you respond to this?
5. Peter the fisherman became a master theologian and Bible teacher. He viewed the resurrection of Jesus of Christ as the foundation of the Christian life. Reflect on I Peter 1:1-9. What is given to each follower of Christ through the resurrection of Jesus?