

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"Death Could Not Hold Him"

Acts 2:22-36 (Luke 24:1-12; Acts 2:22-36)

Introduction

- Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ – No Metaphor
- The Day of Pentecost & the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Set the stage for Peter's Message (2:1-6, 12-13)
- Begins Message quoting Joel 2:28-32 (2:14-21)

God's Predetermined Plan being Worked Out in Christ's Death and Resurrection (vs. 22-36; Genesis 3:15)

- Jesus: attested to by God to be the Messiah, the Christ, through His miracles, wonders and signs (v. 22)
- Jesus' Death According to God's Predetermined Plan (v. 23)
- Death Could Not Hold Him (vs. 24-32)
 - "Raised up because of Our Justification" (Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 10:12-18; Romans 7:6; 1 Corinthians 15:57)
 - Fulfilled the Messianic Prophecy of Psalm 16:8-11 (vs. 25-28, 29-32)
 - Over 500 eyewitnesses saw the risen Jesus – many present on the Day of Pentecost (1 Corinthians 15:6; Acts 1:15)
- Jesus – "King and Christ" (vs. 33-36)
 - His Resurrection Meant He is Sitting on the Right Hand of God (v. 33-35)
 - "God has made This Jesus, Whom you Crucified, both Lord and Christ" (v. 36; John 11:53; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 1:20-23)

Conclusion/Application

- The Power of God that Raised Jesus From the Dead is the Same Power that is at Work in All Those Who belong to Him for Their Salvation (Ephesians 1:19)
- Because of Christ's Resurrection we by faith – Have been Made Partakers in Christ's Righteousness – He Works in Us His Holy Spirit, Who washes us by Christ's Blood and Regenerates us to a New Life in Christ – Have a Sure Pledge of our Blessed Resurrection (Heidelberg Catechism #45).
- Because of His Resurrection the Holy Spirit Strengthens & Comforts Us as we Go Life's Trials, and Endure the Troubles of Our Day (Galatians 1:3)
- Do You Believe This? (John 11:25-26; Ephesians 1:3)