

The Holy Trinity – 2024

Saturday, 5/25 at 4:00 | Sunday, 5/26 at 9:00

Let Us:

- ➔ *Rightly Understand and*
- ➔ *Wholeheartedly Repent!*



Text: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ:

Last week, on **The Day of Pentecost**, we focused on what happened and how an OT prophecy from Joel began to be fulfilled – *as believers shared God’s word with others.*

Today, on the Sunday of **The Holy Trinity**, we continue in **Acts chapter 2** (with sermon 9 of 9). Peter wants his hearers to ➔ understand who Jesus is and ➔ repent!

1. **Who Is Jesus?**¹⁴ **But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them** [the large crowd that had gathered – due to the “noise like a violent rushing wind” (2:2)]...²² **“Men of Israel** [descendants of Jacob], **listen to** [understand] **these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested** [proven] **to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—...”** // Jesus did not merely CLAIM to be the Messiah, *but it was proven countless times* – as **God Himself worked through Jesus** to

✦heal countless sick, ✦cast out many demons, and ✦raise dead people back to life!

2. **How Did Jesus Die?** ²³ “...*this Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him to death*. // In other words, before creation (Eph. 1:4), God ✦planned what would happen and ✦knew what would happen to Jesus, by godless men, to save us from our sins!

3. **Is Jesus Still Dead?** ²⁴ “But God raised Him up ~~again~~, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.” // Still dead? No! ✦Jesus is the Son of God in human flesh and ✦the Scriptures said He would be raised (see below).

4. **How Did Peter Prove Jesus Is Alive?** Through these inspired words of David written in Psalm 16:8-11: ²⁵ “For **David says of Him** [*the Son of God*], ‘**I** [*Jesus*] **SAW THE LORD** [*God the Father*] **ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.** ²⁶ **THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;** ²⁷ **BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.** ²⁸ **YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.”** // In other words, Jesus faced death WITHOUT FEAR because:
 - a. God was with Him!
 - b. God would not abandon His body to the grave!

c. God promised Him eternal life.

God has done the same for us!

Then, Peter further explained David's inspired words:

- d. David Died and Is Still Dead: ²⁹ **“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.”** // David was NOT writing about himself.
- e. Jesus has been Raised: ³⁰ **“And so, because [David] was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,** ³¹ **he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES [the place of the dead], NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY [like all other people who die].** // The Holy Spirit moved David to write; **then these significant things came to pass**:
- i. On Palm Sunday: The crowds welcomed **Jesus** as the promised Son of David (Mk. 11:9-10).
 - ii. While in the Tomb: **Jesus'** dead body did not decay.
 - iii. On Easter Sunday: **Jesus'** soul and spirit left Paradise and reentered His resurrected body.

5. **Where Is Jesus Now?**

- a. Raised: ³² **“This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.”** // *We saw Him, HE IS ALIVE!*
- b. Ascended: ³³ **“Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God...”** // *Jesus is now ascended and reigning over all things!*

- c. Active: “...and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.” // Right now, you are witnessing the pouring out of the Holy Spirit! How did that happen? Jesus received Him from the Father, then poured Him out!
- d. Clarification: ³⁴ “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but [David] himself says [Ps. 110:1]: ‘THE LORD [God the Father] SAID TO MY LORD [God the Son], ‘SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, ³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’”” // Even David himself clarified that not he, but his Lord would ascend to God’s right hand. *David’s Lord is the Christ!*

6. **How Should We Respond to Jesus being Lord and Christ?**

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified.” // THINK:

- a. God sent Jesus and worked through Him!
- b. Jesus suffered and died to take away sins!
- c. God raised Jesus from the dead!
- d. Jesus is both Lord and Christ!
- e. Jesus is coming again to judge all people!

Therefore, it is critical to repent – to ✓ turn from all sins and ✓ trust in Him as Lord and Christ!

Let Us Pray: Dear Holy Spirit, *TYSM for making us repentant!*
Please work the same in many others *before it is too late!*

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