

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

ACTS 2:22-24

Introduction

A. We have seen the church baptized in the Holy Spirit

- 1) 2:1-4
- 2) The inhabitants gathered and were both perplexed and amazed
- 3) Those who spoke in tongues spoke a known language and spoke truth about God Vs. 11
- 4) They wanted to know the meaning of these happenings

B. Peter explained what has happened

- 1) He used the Bible Vs. 16
- 2) The end or purpose of it all Vs. 21
- 3) The gospel, the power of God unto salvation, how to call on God

I. Jesus Lived Vs. 22

A. "Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you...."

- 1) He is Jesus of Nazareth!
- 2) "approved" = apodeiknumi = "to lift up and show", "make public", "declare wholly"
- 3) "among" = eis = "into", "to", "unto", "with a view to"

B. ".....by miracles and wonders and signs"

- 1) "miracles" = dunamis = "power to do anything", "power in action"
- 2) "wonders" = teras = "a supernatural prodigy" walking on water
- 3) "signs" = semeion = "a signal", "an ensignia" Jonah

C.which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves know"

- 1) "midst" = meosos = "middle" + er = "in"
- 2) "know" = oida = "to perceive", "I have seen"

ii. Jesus Dies Vs. 23

A. "Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God....."

- 1) "delivered" = ekdotos = "given", "delivered out of"
- 2) "determinate" = orizo = "to mark or set a boundary", "to mark out definitely"
- 3) "counsel" = bouie = "will", "purpose", "design"
- 4) "foreknowledge" = prognosis = "a perceiving beforehand"; especially in medicine prognosis." "The set out will of God, which was His purpose, based on His prognosis, gave this man to you"

B. "Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain."

- 1) dia-chelros = "through hands"
- 2) "wicked" = anomos = "wicked law", "a violator of the divine law", "lawless"
- 3) "crucified" = propegnumi = "to fasten to any thing"
- 4) "slain" = anaireo = "to take up", "to lift up", "take away", "to put out of the way"

III. Jesus Was Raised Up Vs. 24

A. "when God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death:"

- 1) "raise up" = anistemi = "to cause to stand"
- 2) "loosed" = luo = "loosen what is fast bound"
- 3) "pains" = odin = "pain", "plural = birth pains"
- 4) "death" = thanatos = "the natural end of life", especially death as a sentence and punishment of God against sin"

B. "because it was not possible that he should be holden of death"

- 1) "not possible" = ouk en dunaton = "there was no power that was available to do it!"
- 2) "holden" krateo = "to be strong, powerful, to have power or rule over, to be Master of, to attain and maintain power over"
- 3) "death" = thanatos, autou = "it"

IV. This is the "Gospel"

A. Paul clarified it

1) I Cor. 15:1-4

2)

B. It is God's instrument of salvation

1) I Cor. 1:23

2) Romans 4:23-25

