THE PSALMS AND THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

ACTS 2:25-36

Introduction

A. Jesus was clearly shown to the Jews to be the Messiah
   1) "a man approved among you"
   2) by "miracles", "signs" and "wonders"

B. They rejected Him
   1) "ye have taken" Vs. 23
   2) "ye have crucified and slain" Vs. 23

C. God raised Him up
   1) "whom God hath raised up"
   2) "loosed the pains of death"

D. Peter at this point uses the Psalms to prove that David did not speak of himself
   1) The Jews were a Bible people
   2) Peter used it to prove Jesus the Messiah

I. David's Statement Concerning Christ Vs. 25-28

A. "For David speaketh concerning him"
   1) Psalm 16:8-11
   2) "For David says as to Him"

B. The truths David said of Him
   1) He is always at God's right hand Vs. 25
      a. "foresaw" = proorao = "to see beforehand"
      b. "to have before one's eyes"
   2) This presence brings him happiness
      a. Vs. 26a
3) This presence brings him hope           Vs. 26b
4) He will not leave his soul in the grave    Vs. 27a
   a. "soul" = psuchen = "soul of me" + mov = "me"
   b. "leave" = egkataleipo = "to leave down to one's heirs", "to leave remaining", "abandon"
   c. "grave" = ades = "the place of departed spirits"
5) He would not see corruption           Vs. 27b
   a. "suffer" = doreo = "to make a gift of"
   b. "corruption" = diaphthora = "a spoiling throughout, especially arising from decay and rotting"
6) He knew the way of life           Vs. 28a
   a. "life" = xoes = "life"
   b. He knew the "way" of living
7) He was happy to be in God's presence           Vs. 28b

II. Who Was David Speaking About?           Vs. 29-31
   A. Not David, for David is Dead and buried     Vs. 29
      1) "let me speak "freely" = meta = "with" + parresia = "boldly", "what is on one's mind"
      2) "he died and was buried"
      3) "we know where his tomb is today"  Peter seems to say, "we know where his tomb is, go and dig, see if he is raised up"
   B. David knew this to be prophetic       Vs. 30
      1) David was a prophet
      2) He knew what God had sworn        Psalm 132:11
      3) Gabriel reaffirmed this oath     Luke 1:26-33
      4) "according to the flesh"
   C. This was a prophecy concerning Christ    Vs. 31
      1) "Christ" = "anointed"

III. Jesus Is The Christ           Vs. 32-33
   A. He is raised up, "This Jesus"         Vs. 32
      1) "This Jesus hath God raised up, where of we all are witnesses"
      2) The people in the assembly had seen Him.
B. He is exalted, "This Jesus" Vs. 33a
1) He is seated at God's right hand Acts 7:56
2) "exalted" = upsoo = "to raise up high", "lift up"
3) Philippians 2:9 - "wherefore God also highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name:"

C. Jesus has caused this which they see and hear Vs. 33b
1) "......and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear"
2) "shed" = ekcheo = "to pour out" Vs. 17-18

IV. David Has Not Ascended Vs. 34-35
A. "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool."
1) David has not been exalted
2) He has not been resurrected
3) The exaltation of the Lord was prophesied by David Psalm 110:1
4) Jesus has ascended
B. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ"
1) "assuredly" = asphalos = "that which cannot be tripped up or thrown down", "certainly"
2) "crucified" = staurow = "to nail to a stake"
3) Jesus is Lord and Christ"

V. The Message of Truth to the Jews by the Early Church
A. Paul at Thessalonica Acts 17:1-3
1) He went into the synagogue
2) Reasoned out of the Scriptures
B. His main points
1) His main points
2) Risen again from the dead
3) Jesus is Christ