

7 TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST FROM ACTS 2

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INTRODUCTION

Verses - Acts 2:22-36

This opening passage from Acts is all about Jesus Christ. The Bible says about Jesus, **Colossians 2:3 - in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

Jesus is the great treasure-house where we find all the wisdom and knowledge that we need for life and relationship with God and everything God wants to do in us. It is found in Christ.

Do you know today that God wants the best for you? Do you know today that God loves you? Do you know today that God wants you to bless you? He wants to pour out His goodness upon you.

Verse - 3 John 1:2

Fifty days before this, Jesus had gone to the cross, and about ten days before this moment, Jesus gave His last address to the disciples in which He said, wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit, and here we are. This is the day the church was birthed; the day of Pentecost when 120 people were in an upper room and the Bible gives us an account of what happened.

Verses - Acts 2:1-4

So there were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. We know there were various reactions. Some wondered what was going on, what does this mean? Some were in amazement; others mocked and said they were drunk.

And it is here that Peter stood up to preach the very first sermon. He starts by making some statements:

- They are not drunk.
- But this is what the prophet Joel said would happen.
- Then He gets to **verse 22 - Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth.**

Jesus is theme that Peter begins to share on. The question I want to ask you today – what are you doing with Jesus?

Peter preached a message in which he declares 7 truths about Jesus.

TRUTH 1

Verse 22 - Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with powerful works and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

Jesus became a man. He became a man to accomplish the plan of God for all humanity. He became a man to show us what God the Father was like. He became a man so that He could experience the tests and temptations that you and I face.

Verses - Hebrews 4:15; 2:14; 5:1

Peter also said that this was attested by God. God gave evidence of this truth in Jesus through powerful works, wonders, and signs.

We know Jesus went about healing the sick. He gave sight to those who were blind; He opened deaf ears so they could hear. He healed the lame so they could walk and run. He fed 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. He raised people from the dead. He did all these things because He was a man of miracles – displaying the power of God as

- 1) proof of who He was and
- 2) the heart of God to heal those who are hurting.

Verse - Hebrews 13:8

TRUTH 2

Verse 23 - You have taken Him, who was handed over to you by the ordained counsel and foreknowledge of God, and by lawless hands have crucified and killed Him,

Many times people like to concern themselves with who crucified Jesus. They wonder is it the fault of the Jews or Romans Fault?

Verse - Revelation 13:8 - Jesus wasn't accidentally killed. It wasn't against His will, but it came about as a result of God's determined counsel and foreknowledge.

It wasn't an accident when they put him on the cross, put nails in hands, and lifted him up. Jesus even told His disciples, I must be lifted up (speaking of being crucified on the cross).

Verse - John 1:29

This was God's plan to take all the sins of the human race and lay them on Jesus, the Lamb that was without blemish or spot. So Jesus laid his life down for you and I.

Verse - John 10:18 - Jesus gave his life for you and me to take our sins away.

TRUTH 3

Verse 24 - whom God raised up by loosening the pull of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Verse - Matthew 28 – records that there was a massive earthquake and that an angel descended from heaven, the soldiers guarding the tomb shook with fear and probably fainted - as the Bible records, they became like dead men, and the angel rolled back the stone. Mary Magdalene and another Mary were present.

The Bible tells us because He has been raised, we shall be raised.

Because I live you shall live also – John 14:19

We have the hope of eternity. We have the hope of heaven. We shall live!

Truth 4

Verse 25 - For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

Peter is saying the Bible told us all these would happen. The good news of salvation was the theme of much of the OT. Starting in Genesis 3:15, prophets, psalms, and all through the OT.

Examples:

- Isaiah – said a virgin shall conceive a son, the prince of peace, the almighty God.
- He would be born in Bethlehem
- He will ride into Jerusalem on a Donkey.
- Jesus would be betrayed.
- He would sold out for 30 pieces of silver.

Verse - Isaiah 50:6

It also says that Jesus would be raised from the dead.

The Bible speaks of these things to show us that all of this was in the plan of God. That Jesus is the Saviour, we can trust.

Truth 5

Verse 33a - Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God...

Where is Jesus now? He has been exalted above. Satan once offered Jesus the world if only He would bow down and worship Him.

Yet when Jesus was finished, He had victory over everything. He was far above all principalities, powers, might, dominions, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Jesus walked into the throne room of God and took a seat. Jesus was seated and Satan was defeated. Jesus sat at the right hand of God with Satan is under his feet.

He is exalted. He has finished the work of redemption/salvation.

Salvation is all because of what Jesus has done for us!

Verse - Ephesians 2:6

TRUTH 6

Verse 33b - and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you now see and hear.

This event is what led Peter to give this message. They were just out of the upper room. They had just received the promised Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. People were amazed and thought they were drunk.

Who are these people speaking in tongues? They are God's children.

Who filled them with the Holy Spirit and caused them to speak in tongues? It was Jesus.

Verse - Matthew 3:11

This baptism is not some secondary doctrine. This is for us. You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. That is what God wants to do.

TRUTH 7

Verse 36 - let all the house of Israel assuredly know that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

He is the Saviour of the World. He is the King of Kings. He is the Lord of Lords. He is the anointed one. He is the mighty God. He is the healer of our bodies. He is the one whom we can trust in for all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

But the message didn't stop there. The Bible records in **Acts 2:3-39**

Repent - Change your mind, turn away from sin, and have faith in Jesus. Turn to Jesus. What are you going to do with Jesus?