

Title: The Resurrection From One Who Saw Him

Text: Acts 2:22-36

Will you take your Bibles, please, and turn to Acts Chapter 2. The book of Acts chapter 2. I want to continue where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday was the day of Pentecost. And we looked at all those miracles that were happening as the HOLY Spirit filled that early church and gave those disciples power to preach the gospel in different languages. It was a tremendous day. It was a day, as we will see in a couple of weeks, where 3 thousand people were saved and added to the church,

Now, this morning I want to look at this first recorded resurrection sermon preached by the Apostle Peter. Acts chapter 2 beginning at Vs 22.

(Read Acts 2:22-36)

Prayer

Our Father, as we have read again from your Word this great sermon by the Apostle Peter so long ago, we realize that we have here the truth of God unfolded to us. How we pray that we might have sensitive ears. That we might be open to what God has to say; and not just the opinions of men.

Our Father, we pray that on this day there would be miracles happening in the lives of people. Just as miracles happened so long ago on the day of Pentecost.

Father, we pray that in this service, today, people's lives would be changed by the power of God working through His Word. We thank you that you loved us and sent your son, Jesus, to die for our sins. We thank you that the grave could not hold Him. That He rose again. We thank you that every person who is in Christ is a new creation. That old things are passed away, and all things are becoming new. So, teach us, dear Lord, from this portion of scripture. For we ask it in Jesus name and for His sake.....AMEN.

Now, the day under discussion when Peter preached this sermon is the DAY OF PENTECOST. Pentecost is one of the 7 feasts of Jehovah God mentioned in Lev. 23. And it was a feast that every Jewish male, 20 years and older, had to attend. As a result Jews from all over the Roman empire had gathered in Jerusalem to worship. Hundreds of thousands of Jews from all over the empire.

It was on this day that the answer to a promise of Jesus was fulfilled. Jesus said that when He ascended into heaven, he would send another comforter. "The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, will come and guide you into all the truth and will bring all things to your remembrance of whatsoever I have said unto you."

And so the power of the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost and filled the 120 believers who were told to wait in the upper room. And these 120 people went forth with great boldness and preached the gospel of salvation. And people were able to hear ~~hear~~ the gospel in their own languages. What a day that must have been. *The day of Pentecost*

Now, this sermon that Peter preached is in three simple parts.

(1) In verses 22-24, Peter shares with us the experiences ^{of} ~~to~~ Jesus in his life, death and resurrection. He gives a brief summary of the experiences of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(2) Then, beginning at Vs 25 going through verse 32, Peter gives an ~~explanation~~ explanation of the scriptures that prophesied this resurrection. He explains the scriptures.

(3) And then in verses 33 to 36 Peter gives an exaltation of Jesus Christ such as ~~has~~ never been heard before.

So, let's look at this sermon by Peter that caused three thousand people to believe in Jesus Christ

(1) First of all what were these experiences of Christ. *Peter mentions three.*

Peter

(3) And then in Verses 33 to 36, ~~he~~ gives and exaltation of Jesus Christ such ~~as~~ have never been heard before.....

~~As the book~~
~~of~~
~~Revelation~~

(1) Now what ~~are~~ these experiences of Christ

(1D) In Verse 22, you have the proof during his life. Peter said that Jesus was "a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs"...

Dear Friends

Folks, Jesus Christ is not like other men in other religions. Jesus Christ during his life performed ^{many} miracles. And the multitudes saw them.

He healed scores of people whom the Apostle Paul said "were alive in his day."

Who lived for years. And they were able to report what Jesus had done.

So, During his life Jesus proved that He was the Son of God.

The Apostle John wrote in chapter 20:31 that the signs which were recorded in his book were only a part of the signs that Jesus performed. But these signs that John recorded were to show us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we would have life in his name.

So, Peter begins his sermon by saying that there was proof in the life of Jesus that he was God.

(2) Then, secondly, we learn in Vs 23 that there was a plan involved in his death. You say, "Didn't wicked men interrupted the life of Jesus? Just think what Jesus could have done, if they hadn't killed him."

I say to you that what they did was the result of God's plan. For the Bible says in Vs 23, "this man, Jesus, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God." WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? That means ^{as the Book of} Revelation

means ~~when it~~ says that Jesus Christ was a lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Before God ever created the world, ^{planned} He ~~plan~~ for Jesus to come into this world and to die on the cross. The cross was no accident. The cross was the result of a predetermined plan of God. Jesus died according to the foreknowledge of God.

On one occasion Jesus said that he gave his life voluntarily. No one could take it from him. And when that band of Roman soldiers came into the garden to take Jesus, do you remember what happened. He gave them one look and they all fell over backwards. But, then he allowed them to take him.

Now, why did he do that? For only one reason. To show them that no man could take him ^{against his will}. He went voluntarily. No matter if it were 50 soldiers or a 100, no one could take Jesus except he wanted to go. [Long before he went to the cross he told people he was going ^{die}. He told his disciples he was going to the cross. ~~That is what they didn't understand.~~ He told them that the son of man would be betrayed. He would be crucified and on the third day he would arise from the dead. He predicted the events that would happen in his own life. *It is fantastic. The death of Jesus involves the plan of God.*

(39) Then, in Vs 24 we see that the power of God was operating in His resurrection. Peter says, "And 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."

Jesus Christ was not mere man. He was God in human flesh. And when Jesus arose from the dead he proved that he was God. And it was by the power

hundreds of people over a period of 40 days of God that he rose from the dead. And he was alive and showed himself *amazing new presence of Christ*

(2 C) Secondly beginning at Vs 25 and going through Vs 32, Peter explains that the Scriptres had predidicted this.

Take your Bibles, please, and turn to the book of Psalms. ~~in the O.T.~~ Psalms chapter 16....This is the passage that Peter quotes. And he begins at Vs 8 of Psalms 16 and goes through Vs 11. Peter quotes from this Psalms. Remember that it ~~is~~ King David who is writting this Psalm...

(READ PSALMS 16:8-11)

According to Acts 2, Peter said that King David knew that God would resurrect Christ. Now, how did he know that?....

Turn back to Acts chapter 2 again. How did king David who lived almost 1000 years before the birth of Christ, How did he know that the Messiah, Christ, would rise again from the dead? That ~~his~~ ^{his} soul would not be left in the grave. That his flesh would not see corruption. How did he know that?

If you will look at Vs 30 you will see why...."And so, because he was a prophet"...referring to David...."and knew that God had sworn to him an oath to seat one of his descendants upon his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ."

You see, David was a man of great faith and belief...

In 2 Samuel chapter 7 and verse 12, God promised to David that a son of his, somewhere down the line, a son of David would set on the throne. All the territory that King David ruled over would one day be ruled by a future king.....A son of David...The Messiah.....A deliverer who would set on his throne. So, David prophesied, by faith in God's promise, that this Messiah would arise from the dead way back in Psalms 16. David was trusting in God's promises *Praise God*

You know, it is amazing, those of us who live on this side of the cross, how little faith we have in comparison to those who lived before Christ ever came....David believed all of this long before it happened...*and* he believed the promises of God.

Safely I wonder what it will take for some people to believe? In my ministry I have had many interesting conversations with people about belief in Christ. And it is a simple truth that people will not believe the facts. Even when they are open and plain. What will it take to believe? I say to you the only thing that will cause any person to believe, is the work of God in his own heart.....

Thank God that God is working in many peoples lives and giving them the faith to believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God. And that believing in Him we have life through his name. There is no other salvation then the name of Jesus Christ. "You shall call his name Jesus...Why?..." "For he shall save his people from their sins"....There is no salvation.... There is no life..there is no hope apart from Jesus Christ....None what soever. What will it take for people to believe that Jesus arose from the dead. That He is the saviour. Answer Only the work of God...*facts* There is a ceiling to which reason goes beyond which there is faith. Faith to believe the promise.....*OF The inspired Word of God*

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Today, my friends, you have the written word of God to believe.

And the Bible says that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. And I guarantee you new life in Jesus Christ, if you will place your faith and your trust in the written Word of God. To believe what God says, even though you don't quite understand. Even though you have never seen Jesus Christ, for ~~now~~ ^{Now} of us have seen him with our physical eyes. But we believe what God has said. And David believed what God had said. Thus, he predicted Christ resurrection.... *Praise The Lord*

(3) Now, I would like you to come to vs 33. In these last four verse Peter concludes his sermon and brings a great presentation of Christ as the exalted king of kings.

Vs 33... "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."

What did they see and hear? They saw miraculous things. These Apostles were speaking in other men's languages. And there were hundreds of people from all over the Roman empire. And they were hearing in their own languages the message that these Apostles were sharing.

Peter said that this is a result of the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Then in vs 34-35
Peter said
~~say to you~~ ^{place} that Christ is at God's right hand. He ascended into heaven. He was seen for 40 days following the resurrection by hundreds of people. Many were alive for scores of years to testify that they had seen Jesus alive. And he is now in heaven until when?.... Until he comes back to this earth to rule and to reign. For the Bible says that the day is coming when God will gather all things together into one under the control of Jesus Christ himself. Christ will be king over all the earth. *And The Bible*
says ~~He~~ is coming back. And ~~He~~ will reign in Jerusalem.

This one who arose from the dead is coming back. And my friends, there is no point in my preaching today, or you coming to honor the resurrection of Jesus Christ on this Sunday, if we do not believe that this same

Jesus who was taken up from us is so coming in like manner as we saw him go. Jesus is coming back. And I believe his coming is very soon.

Notice, Vs 36... "Therefore"... In conclusion Peter is saying... "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ- this Jesus whom you crucified."

Turn over, please, in your Bibles to the Book of Romans. Romans chapter 10.....

A person ask: "Just how important is ~~it~~ to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Notice Romans chapter 10 beginning at Vs 8.....

(Read Romans 10:8-13)

My friends, I ^{am} telling you this morrowing if you will confess with your mough that Jesus is Lord; and believe in your heart that God has raised him from ~~the~~ the dead, the Bible says you will be saved.....

How can I know that I will be saved? How can I receive new life in Christ? How can I become a real believer and know that the power of God is in my life? How?.... By confessing that Jesus is Lord; and believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead. *That is How!*

In talking with a ~~following~~ ^{following} about Jesus, he said: "I wish I could believe that?".....I said, "What will it take for you to believe that Jesus arose from the dead?".....

He said, "I don't know what it will take. I just can't believe that it happened."

I said, "What do you need for proof?"...."well, if I could only see it with my own eyes."....I said, "have you ever seen a radio wave?" He said: "Well, no I guess not."

You know, folks, we ~~talk~~ ^{take} a lot of things by faith. We believe in a lot of things that we have never seen with our physical eyes. And we are to put our faith in the facts of this ~~book~~ ^{book}....

Notice Romans 10:17... So Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.....

My friends, this book is God's Word. And if you will believe it, I am telling you that God will make you a new person in Christ Jesus. If you will ask Jesus to come into your life, you will experience what I am saying to you. *YOU WILL EXPERIENCE SIBIRIA*
May God help you to do so.....

Let Us Pray

My Christian friends - How is the world going to hear the gospel, unless we bring them - Faith come by hearing - hearing by the Word of God - How we need to bring people to church to hear the Word of God -