

The Acts of the Apostles

The Journey – 2020  
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The Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 2:22 “People of Israel, listen! **God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him**, as you well know. 23 **But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed.** With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. 24 **But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.”** NLT

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The Acts of the Apostles

- **God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.**
- Water to wine, healings, raising the dead, and a sign in the form of His teachings were all orchestrated by God as His endorsement on His Son.
- Matt 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” NLT

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The Acts of the Apostles

- Jesus came preaching the Kingdom of God – a message that would find its fulfillment in what we know as the gospel after His resurrection.
- It was and is a radical message that had never been heard before in its fullest expression.
- God would authenticate the person of Jesus with miracles and next he would authenticate the gospel in like fashion.

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- **God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed.**
- It is confirmed here that the cross was not some afterthought, a surprise, or mistake.
- The cross was in fact prearranged by none other than God Himself. (the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, Rev 13:8)

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- **But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.**
- The proof of Jesus' claim to be the Son of God is rooted in His resurrection.
- Rom 1:4 "and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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### The Acts of the Apostles

- The resurrection of Jesus was no secret thing – the most important event in history is well substantiated.



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- Acts 2:25 King David said this about him: **'I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.** 26 No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope. 27 **For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.** 28 You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.' NLT
- King David looks down through the halls of history and sees Jesus!

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### The Acts of the Apostles

- Acts 2:29 "Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch **David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us.** 30 But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. 31 **David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection.** He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave. NLT

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- Peter is asserting that in King David’s Psalm 16 he was prophesying about Messiah.
- A few verses later, Peter says, ““Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn’t referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us.”
- No, he was speaking of Messiah – who now has a name!

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- God would not let his Holy One rot in the grave – the body of Jesus was resurrected.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather **to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.** NKJV
- What a promise for us – that we (our spirits and souls) will not go to the grave, not ever – and even our bodies will one day be resurrected!

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John 11:25 Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.  
 26 Everyone who lives **in me** and believes **in me** will never ever die.”  
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- In all probability when David was speaking in Psalm 16 he didn't know exactly what he was prophesying.
- As it turns out, he was prophesying about a resurrection from the dead and not just any old resurrection, but Messiah's resurrection.
- Enoch and Elijah were taken, but none of the prophets were ever raised from the dead – Messiah will be.

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- Acts 2:32 **"God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.** 33 Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. **And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.** 34 For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at my right hand 35 until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.'" NLT

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The Acts of the Apostles

- "And the Father, as he had promised, gave him **(Jesus)** the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us , just as you see and hear today"
- Matt 3:11 "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**" NLT
- The Matthew 3 prophesy above was fulfilled on Pentecost.

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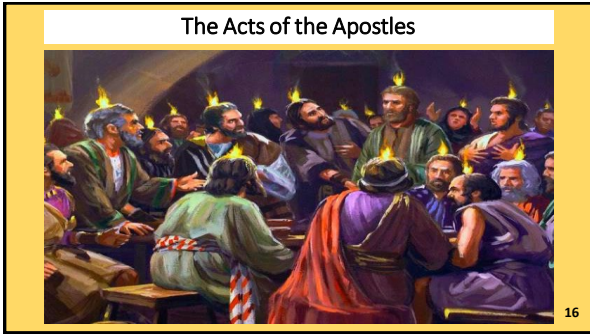
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- Acts 2:36 **“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”** 37 Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter replied, **“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** 39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” 40 Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” 41 **Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.** NLT

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**The Acts of the Apostles**

- **“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”**

**Messiah has a name – and his name is Jesus!**

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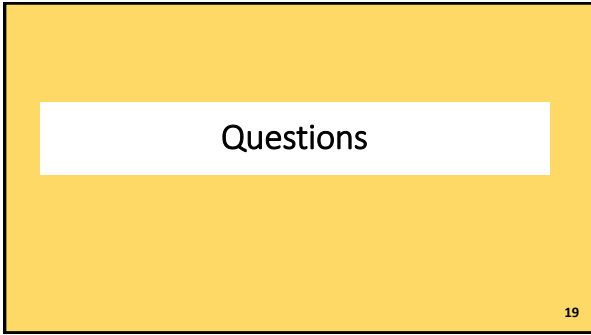
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