

## SERMON NOTES

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Together In Faith: III. "Been There, Done That"  
Acts 2:22-42; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

### CRUCIFIXION & RESURRECTION TEXTS IN ACTS

#### Acts Introduction

Acts 1:3 After his (Jesus') suffering **he presented himself alive** to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

#### Preaching of Simon Peter

Acts 2:23 this man (Jesus), handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, **YOU crucified and killed** by the hands of those outside the law.

Acts 2:24 But **GOD raised** him up, having *freed him from death*, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:32 This Jesus **GOD raised up**, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that **GOD** has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom **YOU crucified**."

Acts 3:15 and **YOU killed** the Author of life, whom **GOD raised** from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

Acts 3:26 When **GOD raised** up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

Acts 4:10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom **YOU crucified**, whom **GOD raised** from the dead.

Acts 5:30 The **GOD** of our ancestors **raised** up Jesus, whom **YOU had killed by hanging him on a tree**.

Acts 10:40,41 but **GOD raised** him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him *after he rose* from the dead.

#### Preaching of the Apostle Paul

Acts 13:30 But **GOD raised** him from the dead; 37 he whom **GOD raised up**  
Acts 25:19 [At Paul's trial, his opponents] had certain points of disagreement with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, *who had died*, but **whom Paul asserted to be alive**.

1 Corinthians 15:3,4 I handed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures . . . and that he was raised

#### 1. Principles of Effective Churches and Nations

Communities are healthy when they are bound together by a **common constitution (principles) and stories**

#### 2. Three Initial Principles of the Church Founding Fathers/Mothers

- i. **Resurrection** (Acts 1:3) – brought scared followers back
- ii. **Mission (Ministry)** (Acts 1:8b) – Jesus' ministry is continuing today; but now Jesus hands it over to US!
- iii. **Powerlessness** (Acts 1:4-14) – "Wait! Pray! for God's Power."  
It's not the goodness of Christian character that unites us as Jesus' followers, but our common knowledge that in our weakness we need God's power.

#### 3. Pentecost: The First Evidence of God's Power (Acts 2:1-21)

- i. **Extraordinary Power** (Acts 1:8a; 2:1-11). God enables all Jesus' followers to fulfil his mission in his power
- ii. **Extraordinary Welcome** (Acts 2:9-12). God wants to speak to and enter the lives of people from *every* race, tribe and nation. Those previously seen as "unclean" are now welcomed into God's family.

#### 4. The First Message of our Founding Fathers (Peter/Paul)

- i. **Not** the stories or life of Jesus (later remembered, shared, collected, written), but they became important because of the "*kerygma*" (the core message teaching)"
- ii. **The Resurrection**  
*God's Declaration of WHO Jesus was: Messiah, Son, our King, Lord and Master*
- iii. **The Crucifixion**  
*God's Declaration of our sin and alienation from our selves, from God's purpose, and from God (Yes, WE were there, and did it! "Been there" and unfortunately, "done that!")*  
*God's Declaration of his passion to forgive, (Acts 2:38) to bring us back into the relationship with God for which we were created.*
- iv. **Repent!** = Turn Around! i.e., God's call to make Jesus' life and message the foundation of our life! (Acts 2:38)

#### FURTHER READING:

**Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church.** By N.T. (Tom) Wright. Harper, 2008.