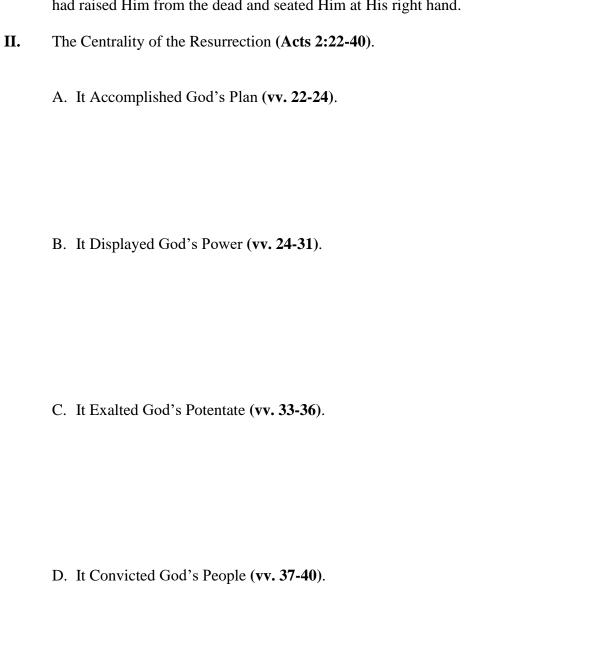
Acts 2:22-40

The Centrality of the Resurrection

I.	Introduction: Peter preached to the Jews that they had crucified their Messiah, but Goo
	had raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand.



III. Conclusion: The resurrection is God's gracious response to man's horrific murder of His Son on the cross; it should have been their doom, but it became the door of salvation.

Questions About: The Centrality of the Resurrection

- 1. What was the central theme of the Apostle's preaching? (Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40) Why was Peter's courage surprising, given his denials? (Matt 26:69-75)
- 2. What is the central theme of Peter's message? (Acts 2:22-40) How were all the people there guilty of crucifying Jesus? (v. 23) Would you be intimidated preaching to Jesus' murderers?
- 3. What is the first evidence that Peter gave of Jesus' messianic credentials? (Acts 2:22) How did Jesus' miracles prove God was with Him? (John 3:2) Why did they ignore these facts?
- 4. How was Jesus' resurrection a part of God's plan? (Acts 2:23-24) Where do we see God's foreknowledge and plan unfold? (Gen 3:15; Isa 53:4-6, 10) Who killed Jesus? (v. 23)
- 5. How did the resurrection display God's power over death? (Acts 2:24-31) Why was death unable to hold Jesus? (v. 24; John 11:25) How did God predict this? (Ps 16:8-11)
- 6. Where did Jesus ascend to after He resurrected? (Acts 2:33-36) What does it mean that His enemies were His footstool? (vv. 34-35) What did Jesus' resurrection prove to Israel? (v. 36)
- 7. What was the Jew's reaction to Peter's sermon? (Acts 2:37-40) Why did they have such conviction of heart? (Acts 1:8; John 16:8-9) What did Peter tell them to do? (v. 38)
- 8. How should we respond to Jesus' resurrection? What should non-Christians do if they have rejected Jesus? (vv. 38-40) What is the response of a Christian? (Luke 24:50-53)

Prayer

- 1. Pray that God would convict the heart of someone you know to turn to Jesus.
- 2. Ask God to help you rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the way that the Apostles did.