

Acts 2:22-40

The Centrality of the Resurrection

- I. **Introduction:** Peter preached to the Jews that they had crucified their Messiah, but God had raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand.
- II. The Centrality of the Resurrection (**Acts 2:22-40**).

A. It Accomplished God's Plan (**vv. 22-24**).

B. It Displayed God's Power (**vv. 24-31**).

C. It Exalted God's Potentate (**vv. 33-36**).

D. It Convicted God's People (**vv. 37-40**).

- 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.