

## A) Sermon Slides

Slide 1: Title

The Reason To Be Grateful

Acts 13:26-39

Slide 2:

Acts 13:26–39 (ESV)

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“ ‘You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you.’

And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“ ‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’

Therefore he says also in another psalm,

“ ‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Slide 3:

Re-telling Chapter 12

Slide 4:

Lessons From 12

- 1) God (and God alone) deserves the worship of creation
- 2) God always wins

Slide 5:

"God raised him from the dead" (vs 30)

"raising Jesus" (vs 33)

"he raised him from the dead" (vs 34)

"he whom God raised up" (vs 37)

Slide 6:

1 Corinthians 2:1–2 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Slide 7:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was presented as the central transformative fact of Christianity

Slide 8:

Paul hated Christianity

- 1) God is ONE!
- 2) God can't be man!
- 3) The Law is the standard!
- 4) The temple rituals must be obeyed!
- 5) Message of grace is blasphemy!

Slide 9:

What does the fact of the resurrection do for us?

- 1) It makes us confident and submissive

Slide 10:

What does the fact of the resurrection do for us?

- 1) It makes us confident and submissive
- 2) It makes us hopeful

Slide 11:

"Death is nothing to us, since when we are, death has not come, and when death has come, we are not." Epicurus

Slide 12:

What does the fact of the resurrection do for us?

- 1) It makes us confident and submissive
- 2) It makes us hopeful
- 3) It makes us free from fear

Slide 13:

What does the fact of the resurrection do for us?

- 1) It makes us confident and submissive
- 2) It makes us hopeful
- 3) It makes us free from fear
- 4) It makes us courageous

## **B) Group Discussion**

- 1) Read Acts 13:26-39. Feel free to read the entire section Acts 13:13-52. This is the first recorded sermon from Paul. What stands out to you? Do you notice similar themes when followers of Christ addressed individuals or crowds of people?
- 2) How does the resurrection as a fact change how we view anything else? Explain
- 3) How does the resurrection make us confident and submissive?
- 4) How does the resurrection make us hopeful?
- 5) How does the resurrection make us free from fear?
- 6) How does the resurrection make us courageous?
- 7) I Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." How can this be an actual reality? What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?
- 8) Praise and prayer