



This Jesus, You Crucified

Acts 2:22-23, 32-36

Doug Sachtleben, Lead Pastor

April 5, 2020

As Peter preaches in Acts 2:22-23, he presents three irrefutable truths about Jesus that turn our attention to the cross and begin to show that Jesus is qualified to be Lord and Christ.

In the death of Jesus, God accomplished what man is unable to do apart from God's grace.

Apart from God's grace, man suppresses his God-given conscience, and/or tries to appease God through human effort. Both demonstrate the futility of man's thinking.

But God, shows His love for us... (Romans 5:8)
But God, being rich in mercy... (Ephesians 2:4)

In Acts 2, Peter speaks of two coinciding events; one that they were seeing in the moment (the outpouring of the Holy Spirit), and one that preceded it that the disciples had seen (the ascension of Jesus into heaven).

Three Irrefutable Truths about Jesus:

1. He was proven by signs (2:22).
2. He was delivered up by God's plan (2:23a).
3. He was killed by wicked men (2:23b).

Questions to Consider

1. Do you take time regularly to consider the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross? If not, what might need to change to help make that happen?
2. Before God saved you, do you remember any ways in which you tried to suppress His truth, or to do "good" works that you hoped would satisfy God? If so, praise God for His grace and mercy in providing full salvation through Jesus Christ.
3. What had to necessarily precede the pouring out of God's Spirit, and why was it important?
4. What were some of the "mighty works, and wonders, and signs" that Jesus did, and why were they important? What did they show?
5. Read Isaiah 53. How does this prophecy explain what Peter preached in Acts 2:23?
6. What did Jesus Christ do for you on the cross? What did He endure in your place? Take time to praise and worship your Savior and thank Him for bearing your sin.