



CAPITOL COMMISSION™

First Sermon in the Capital: Jesus Christ the Risen Lord

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Acts 2:22-36

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—23) this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24) But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. 25) For David says of Him, ‘I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN. 26) THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE; 27) BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. 28) YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.’ 29) Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30) And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, 31) he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. 32) This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33) Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34) For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35) UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’ 36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” (NASB)

“THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS IS THAT OF HIS FINAL AUTHORITY IN MATTERS POLITICAL, THEOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL. HE IS STILL THE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN ALL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. HE IS MOREOVER LORD IN AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, DEALING WITH THE WHOLE LIFE, THAT WHICH LIES BEYOND THE PRESENT, FINALLY CANCELLING DEATH IN HIS LORDSHIP.”

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

What are the absolutes that Peter proves about Jesus that call all of them to be witnesses to Jesus’ Lordship? Does God’s sovereign “*predetermined plan*” or “*foreknowledge*” in any way reduce the responsibility of sinners? Why doesn’t Peter ever say that he saw the resurrected Jesus, only using Scripture as the absolute authority? How does this sermon explain why God used the various tongues on the day of Pentecost? What is the significance of being at “*the right hand of God*”?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- JANUARY 16: ACTS 2:37-41 *THE FIRST SERMON IN THE CAPITAL: 3000 REPENT!*
- JANUARY 23: ACTS 2:42-47 *THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH IN THE CAPITAL*

Only the second Sunday after His ascension, Jesus fulfilled His first executive act. Suddenly the busy streets of Jerusalem were hushed with the roar of a “*violent, rushing wind*.” Soon the Jews from every nation, gathered at the capital for Pentecost, heard the truth in their own language. Most were astonished but others mocked, saying they were drunk. Peter declares “*these men are not drunk*,” since it is only 9:00AM. It was predicted in Joel 2:28-32, prophesying the coming of the Holy Spirit, with supernatural signs, ushering in a day that “*EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED*” (Acts 2:21). Most of those Jews must have wondered, “Who exactly is the ‘LORD?’”

BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY @ 6:30 AM –PRAYER MEETING – GAB 3RD FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – GAB 3RD FLOOR WEST CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY @ 4:30 PM –BIBLE STUDY – GAB ROOM 312 SENATOR CARRICO’S OFFICE

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GORDON KEDDIE

I. HIS ACTIONS PROVE JESUS IS LORD ACTS 2:22-23

Peter uses the name they have spoken with contempt, referencing His obscure town in the despised region of Israel, “*Jesus the Nazarene.*” But he makes them witnesses, emphasizing each individual personally, “*as you yourselves know*” that Jesus was “*attested*” or authenticated “*by God with miracles and wonders and signs.*” Jesus demonstrated His authority over the wind and water, food, over all demons, over all sickness, all disease, all deformity, every ailment and even death itself in an unprecedented infinite display of mercy, the crowds pressing for the fullest use of every moment of every day. His authority had even extended to the capital, where the leaders had found a way to rob the people through their moneychangers and overpriced animals for sacrifices, when Jesus cleansed the temple and returned it to a place of prayer. They all knew personally that He had exercised such absolute authority throughout His perfect life that they were witnesses that “*God performed through Him in your midst.*” They knew of only one time when His gracious authority seemed to have been overcome—His crucifixion. But Scripture, written centuries prior, revealed God had planned it!

“THIS MAN, DELIVERED UP BY THE PREDETERMINED PLAN AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, YOU NAILED TO A CROSS BY THE HANDS OF GODLESS MEN AND PUT HIM TO DEATH.”

ACTS 2:23

II. HIS RESURRECTION PROVES HE IS LORD AC 2:24-32

Jesus was unique as the perfect God-Man and He had authority even over original sin as well as suggested sin (Adam’s fall) by absolute submission to God the Father. In contrast to the original sin of Satan who said in independence and rebellion, “*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High*” (Isaiah. 14:14), Jesus lived in absolute dependence upon and submission to God (John 5:30). Only dependent Jesus could say “*I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE . . . THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD.*” Because He exercised authority over sin, he also had authority over the penalty of sin—death. Literally, His “*FLESH*” would “*HOPE*” because there will be no abandonment in “*HADES*” (death), “*NOR ALLOW THY HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.*” Instead He would know the “*WAYS OF LIFE*” with gladness in God’s “*PRESENCE.*” Only Jesus as the perfect God-Man was capable of authority over original sin and suggested sin and therefore, death. Yet he took the curse of sin-death, for us and exercised authority over it. Thus, “*it was impossible for Him to be held in its (death’s) power.*”

“FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”

ROMANS 6:23

III. HIS ASCENSION PROVES HE IS LORD ACTS 2:33-36

“THE LORD (FATHER-JEHOVAH) SAID TO MY LORD (ADONAI-SON-JESUS), SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND” (rule with Me). Only Jesus as Lord and Christ (Messiah) ascended to sit with God and He poured out the Spirit in tongues so “*all . . . Israel*” would “*know.*”

JESUS IS “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

I TIMOTHY 6:15, REVELATION 17:14, 19:16

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Are you an enemy whom God will put under Jesus feet (Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 21:8)?
- 2) Have you ever turned from your rebellion against God in sin and received Jesus as your Lord (Romans 10:9-13)?
- 3) Do you have the Holy Spirit so that you have boldness as Peter to tell others that Jesus is Lord?