

“God Has Made Him Both Lord and Christ”

Sermon Notes

➤ **Hear the good news: Jesus is the Savior-King**

** Go then and testify to Jesus'...*

1. Life: Ministered powerfully (22)
2. Death: Executed divinely and humanly (23)
3. Resurrection: Raised victoriously (24-32)
4. Ascension: Reigns triumphantly (33-35)

Next Week: Acts 2:37-41 “Repent and Be Baptized”

Community Group Study Guide

For the Week of July 9-15

Getting Started

1. When have you proclaimed the gospel? How did people respond? What was easy about it? What was hard?

Context

Jog your memory...

2. What happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)?
3. Peter opens his sermon (Acts 2:14-36) by making reference to the prophecy of Joel 2:28-32. What did Joel predict? What fulfillment did Peter point to?

Read Luke's record of Peter's sermon in Acts 2:22-36.

Observation

4. What do you learn about Peter from his sermon? What changed, that Peter preaches so boldly? Was it Peter? Or Christ? Or the Spirit?
5. What do you learn about Peter's audience from his sermon? Imagine what it would be like to be rebuked in this way!
6. What are all the ways that God was actively involved in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus?

7. Life: What does it mean that Jesus was a man from Nazareth?
8. Life: Recall, what miracles, wonders and signs did Jesus do during his life? What was the purpose of these displays of God's power— see Heb 2:1-4; Deut 13:1-5; 18:15-22?
9. Death: Who planned that Jesus would die...and yet who executed Jesus (see also Acts 4:24-28)? What are ways that Christians make sense of these two truths (see also 1 Pet 1:18-21; Rom 8:29-30)?
10. Resurrection: What happened to Jesus after he died? Why does Peter quote Psalm 16:8-11 as prophetic hope for the resurrection of Jesus? Who is Jesus identified as? Consider also the oath of 2 Samuel 7:12-16 and Psalm 132:11-12.
11. Ascension: Where did Jesus go? How did Jesus (Mt 22:44 / Mk 12:36 / Lk 20:42; Lk 22:66-71) and the NT writers (Rom 8:34; 1 Cor 15:25; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12-13; 12:2; 1 Pe 3:22) make sense of Psalm 110:1?
12. Ascension: Whom did the Father send (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5, 8)? How is Jesus now ruling over the earth (Ps 68:18; Eph 4:8; Acts 2:38)? How long will Jesus rule?

Meaning

13. What was the main point of Peter's Pentecost sermon?
14. The Christian gospel is a good news message about Jesus. Why does it matter that Jesus is *both* Lord and Christ?

Application

15. What do you make of this news — that God has vindicated Jesus as both Lord and Christ?
16. How does Peter's preaching serve as an example for you, as you witness or testify or proclaim or herald the gospel? Is it appropriate to say that we ever "share" the gospel?
17. What sin do you need Jesus to be your Savior from this past week?
18. How do you plan to bow the knee to Jesus as your Lord this week?