

Acts 2:23

NOTES:

REVIEW: JESUS IS AFFIRMED AS THE PROMISED MESSIAH THROUGH WORD AND POWER

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

JESUS ACCOMPLISHED GOD’S PLANS THROUGH HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH

Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

1. The Old Testament shows that Jesus’ death was planned by God.

Psa. 22:16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— 17 I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Is. 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed...7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth...9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

2. Jesus understood the plan and willingly endured his suffering and death.

Luke 18:31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”

Luke 24:25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

JESUS ACCOMPLISHED GOD'S PURPOSES THROUGH HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH

Jesus' death establishes...

1. ...access to a new quality of life.

Col. 2:13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

2. ...forgiveness of our spiritual debt.

Col. 2:14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

3. ...public victory over who and what once held us captive

Col. 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

2 Cor. 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPLY

1. Meditate on Colossians 2:13-15 this week for at least 10 minutes each day. Think about God's staggering purpose in sending his son to die on the cross. What does Jesus' death communicate about God's heart towards you? Take time each day to express your gratitude for this incredible grace.
2. Read and re-read Acts 2:22-24 this week as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Memorize these verses – with the goal of comprehension. Think through each phrase/statement made in these verses and the incredible truth they convey.

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SONGS

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
How Great is Our God
Grace
Amazing Grace/
My Chains are Gone

2026 BUDGET

Weekly Giving: \$6,352
Weekly Need: \$12,300
YTD Giving: \$106,668
YTD Need: \$135,300
Expansion Fund: \$283,715

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