

Acts 2:32-33

REVIEW:

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—²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

- 1. Jesus is affirmed as the promised Messiah through word and power. (v.22)**
- 2. Jesus accomplished God’s plans & purposes through his suffering and death. (v. 23)**
- 3. Jesus rose from the dead – establishing our new quality of life. (v.24)**

THROUGH HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION JESUS ASCENDED TO HIS POSITION AS KING

Acts 2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

1. The Old Testament points to a perfect eternal kingdom and king.

Dan. 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,

2 Sam. 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2. The early church rightly recognized/saw Jesus as that king.

Acts 7:55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Phil. 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

NOTES:

JESUS IS FOREVER ENTHRONED AS KING – SECURING BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS OF HIS KINGDOM.

1. The Priestly King – we have unlimited access to the mercy and grace of God.

Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2. The Generous King – our lives are transformed through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3. The Servant King – our lives now reflect his character.

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

4. The Victorious King – our hope is secure.

1Cor. 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

REVIEW/DISCUSS/APPLY

1. Read John 17:20-26 and contemplate Jesus’ heart towards his people. This is his prayer for all who would follow him as King. What does he ask on our behalf? What does this reflect regarding the nature of his kingdom, his role as king, and the citizens of his kingdom?
2. Do you follow Jesus as King? Why or why not?
3. Read and re-read Acts 2:22-24 in light of our 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.

SONGS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
 Living Hope
 Just As I Am
 Because He Lives
 Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me

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