

## Acts 2v22-41

We're in Acts chapter 2. We've begun with events of Pentecost – Fire

Peter keeps explaining

### 1. *The Son of God was accredited by God the Father v22*

God the Father working. God who made the world – working through his Son – in a particular place at a particular time.

### 2. *The Son of God was handed over by God the Father v23*

God the Father was working at the cross. Not making best of a bad situation, not setting traffic cones, to direct people to go certain way, but Jesus was handed over to the cross by God the Father.

But note too, human responsibility. As so often said is it this, or is it this? The Bible answer is yes.

Is the cross, the place where Jesus died... down to God? Yes planned directed by him. It could not have happened any other way.

Are the people involved responsible? Yes. And that has been the Bible story since the beginning and right through to now.

And it's your story too. Go out tomorrow and choose to live for God and then when you do, give thanks to him.

*Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-- continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling , for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

### 3. *The Son of God was raised by God the Father v24*

Yes, Jesus lived, and died but God continued to act and raised Jesus to life in a victory over death.

Not death didn't quite work this time. Not death normally wins, but missed out this time – no, God the Father raised Jesus his Son to life, defeating death.

And Peter then explains we shouldn't expect anything less!

He reads some verses from Psalm 16, where David, responsible for his own words, but also writing the words of God – writing in a way that prophesied the resurrection of Jesus.

Peter explains all that in v29-31.

### 4. *Now exalted, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit*

Raised to place of honour, And then Peter summarises it all – in v36

God the Father has worked through all of Jesus', his son's life, death, resurrection and exaltation and now Jesus is Lord and Christ.

What do we do, the people ask in v37? Well...

He's Lord – it's right to bow to him

He's Christ – Run to him

Or v38 - Repent and be baptized

And then God will take your sins and give you his Holy Spirit.

As I finish – let me direct you here.

Peter speaks of the whole of the Christian faith.

God the Father's plan and foreknowledge  
Jesus' life, death resurrection and ascension  
The age of the Church and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit

Huge things. And do you see where it ends – it ends with you.

Global, Universal, eternal – v36. And in the next line – what do I do?

All of this affects your life. All of this affects you. All of this – Father, Son and Holy Spirit is for you. And is for you to respond.