

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“The First Sermon of the Church – The Body”

Acts 2:22-36

- I. THE EXAMINED JESUS (v.22)
  - A. The life of Jesus had been thoroughly examined
    1. He had performed miracles
      - a. “Miracles” translates the Greek word “dunamis” that is often translated power
    2. He had performed wonders
      - a. “Wonders” translates the Greek word “teras” and means He caused people to marvel at what they saw and heard
    3. He had performed signs
      - a. “Signs” translates the Greek word “semeion” that describes miraculous works that point to spiritual truths
- II. THE EXECUTED JESUS (v.23)
  - A. The execution was planned by God (v.23a)
    1. Genesis 3:15, “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; and it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”
    2. Revelation 13:8, “And all that dwell upon earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”
  - B. The execution was performed by men (v.23b)
    1. It was men who executed Jesus
      - a. The Jews rejected Him
      - b. The Romans flogged Him and crucified Him
    2. “Taken” means to grab hold of, to seize
- III. THE EXHUMED JESUS (vv.24-32)
  - A. This is the heart of Peter’s sermon
    1. The resurrection is the crowning event in the life of Jesus
    2. The resurrection is the central message of the church
  - B. The resurrection was prophesied (vv.24-28)
    1. Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11
  - C. The resurrection was personalized (vv.29-32)
- IV. THE EXALTED JESUS (vv.33-36)
  - A. Jesus has once again been exalted to the seat of prestige and power
    1. “Exalted” means to elevate or lift up