

**“JESUS IS LORD!”**  
**Acts 2:22-36**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The Heart of New Testament Preaching is found in this passage.

- Jesus’ Life—his authenticating deeds (No emphasis on teaching—these were unbelievers.)
- Jesus’ death
- Jesus’ resurrection
- Jesus’ exaltation and His giving of the Holy Spirit
- The need for repentance [Next message]

Then, Peter adds, **We are witnesses.** (v. 32); so are the **Scriptures** (25-28; 34-35)  
*Notice how Peter has changed so dramatically!*

Shouldn’t we preach the same way today?

The Jews stumbled at *Christ crucified*; yet, this message was the **Heart of the Gospel**.  
Man rejected Jesus and killed Him; God exalted Him and made Him Lord and Christ.

**Our eternal salvation and our power for Christian life and service depend on one thing:**  
**JESUS IS EXALTED AS LORD AND CHRIST**

**I. THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS’ PRESENT POSITION (22)**

- A. Humble Circumstances—The Nazarene.
- B. Perfection of Life and Teachings—God approved Him
- C. Attesting Signs –Signs, wonders, miracles
- D. Open Manifestation—God performed; “You yourselves know.”

**II. EXPLANATION OF HIS PRESENT CONDITION (23-32)**

- A. His Death (23) “Nailed to a cross”; “put to death” (23).
  - 1. No Accident
    - God’s Plan
    - Predetermined
    - Foreknowledge
  - 2. No Human Innocence
    - a. Of Jews (23, 36)—You nailed, put to death (23); crucified (36)
    - b. Of Gentiles—“hands of godless men”
    - c. C. Of Judas—“delivered up”
- B. His Resurrection (24-32)
  - 1. Source: The Father (24)—“**God raised Him up again**” (also v. 32)

- a. Born from the dead: *birth pangs*
  - b. Impossibility of death's hold on Jesus
    - Jesus was sinless.
    - The Father accepted His sacrifice.
    - **The Life** could not be held by death!! His life had to be imparted.
    - Scripture had to be fulfilled. (*The emphasis of this passage*)
2. Scriptures (25-31)—*Ps. 16:8-11*
- a. Recitation of passage (25-28)
  - b. Interpretation of passage (29-31)
    - David's death and his tomb (29)
    - David's promise—He remembered the divine promise (oath) to him.
    - David's place as a prophet and his prophecy (30a, 31)—soul not abandoned to Sheol—death for the believer—and body no decay.
3. Witnesses (32). We are witnesses also! **“This Jesus God raised up again.”**

#### IV. DEMONSTRATION OF HIS PRESENT POSITION (33-35):Exaltation

He is in the place of honor at God's right hand.

- A. Promise of the Holy Spirit (33a)—*Jesus had spoken often of this.*
- B. Pouring forth of the Holy Spirit (33b—Evidenced by what they have just seen and heard.
- C. Prophetic Prediction (34-35)—*Ps. 110:1*
  - David did not ascend to heaven.
  - Yahweh (LORD) speaks to David's Lord!
  - “Sit at My right hand until your enemies become your footstool.”

#### CONCLUSION

Thus it is certain: **Jesus is Lord!**

He is Lord and Messiah (Christ)

Then, why can't you be saved today?

Why can't you have victory in your daily life?

Why can't you serve Him with power?

Stop looking to false sources of power:

- Works
- Sacraments
- Money
- Possessions
- Pleasure
- Position

**JESUS IS LORD AND CHRIST:** We need look no farther than to Him!