



# STUDY GUIDE

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## A STUDY

on Soteriology

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ACTS 2:21-41



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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. 25 For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 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. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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This Sunday marks the most important event in world history. Jesus, the Savior of the world, crucified by those He came to save, dead and buried in the grave, with all hope lost by His closest followers...came back to life. To remember Jesus' victory we will be studying the very first Resurrection Sermon, recorded in Acts 2. In this sermon, Peter takes as his main text, Joel 2:32.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Join us as we celebrate our Savior who calls us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Pastor TJ

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## Textual Questions



1. Take some time as a group to go back to Joel 2 and read it in context.
2. How and why does Peter emphasize Jesus' humanity in v. 22?
3. What are the mighty works and wonders and signs Jesus performed and what, according to v. 22, are we supposed to learn from these acts?
4. Have you witnessed any mighty works and wonders and signs of Jesus? If so, share.
5. What does v. 23 teach us about God's sovereignty and human responsibility?
6. How do you feel knowing Jesus' death was according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God?
7. (v. 24) Why was it not possible for death to conquer Jesus and what does that mean for us today? (see v. 30)
8. Discuss how the Father and Son were both active participants in Jesus' resurrection (God raised up, see also John 10:17-18)
9. What does Psalm 16:8-11 teach us about Jesus' resurrection?
10. What does v. 30 teach us about the Kingship of Jesus? (Be specific about the demands that come with Jesus's Kingship)?
11. (v.32) Who were the witnesses of the resurrection and why are they reliable? What other witnesses/evidences are there?



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12. What does Peter mean when He says, Jesus is exalted at the right hand of God?
13. Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit? What role does the Holy Spirit have in our lives today?
14. (v. 36) What does it mean that Jesus is Lord? (Think contextually... Caesar is Lord)
15. What does it mean that Jesus is Christ?
16. (v. 37) Why were many in the crowd, “cut to the heart”? Is this something we can manufacture? What are some ways people might try to manufacture it today?
17. If possible, share with the group a time you were, “cut to the heart”?
18. (v. 38) What does Biblical repentance look like?
19. Does Peter’s message here mean baptism is required for salvation? Explain.
20. What was (and IS) the importance of baptism?
21. What are the two promises Peter mentions in v 38 for those who repent? What are some false promises some Christians might associate with salvation?
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24. (v. 39, see also Joel 2:32) Why does Joel and Peter both remind us of the double call (call upon God, those whom God calls)?

25. v. 41-42 suggest we are saved out of one community and into a new community, what does this mean for those who repent and believe?

26. What difficulties would the early church have faced with 3,000 newly converted believers and how did they handle these difficulties? What can the modern church learn from this?



## Sermonic Questions

1. How would you respond to someone who doubted Jesus' physical resurrection?

2. Why was it necessary for God to become man and what comfort do you take from Jesus' humanity?

3. What do the miracles of Jesus teach us about Him?

4. Should we ALWAYS expect Jesus to heal us in this life? Should we NEVER expect Jesus to heal us in this life? Explain.

5. Share with the group a past or present suffering you when through. How is Jesus, being man able to relate to your suffering and why is that helpful?

6. What are some ways a person can rekindle their wonder of the resurrection?

7. In what ways does Peter's sermon reveal that Jesus is God? How does this truth inform how we think and relate to Jesus?

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8. Why is repentance a key part of the Christian life?
9. Share with the group your own baptismal experience.
10. What area in your life do you find difficult to allow Jesus to be LORD over and why?
11. How can parents faithfully guide their children toward the love of God found in Jesus?
12. How does the resurrection empower the church to fulfill its mission?

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## Prayer & Praise

End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.



## Prayer Requests

## Praise Reports