

ANOTHER PESHER?
JESUS CHRIST IS MANKIND'S LORD AND ISRAEL'S PROMISED
MESSIAH!
CH2:22-36

ILLUSTRATION

We are still dealing with trying to answer the question posed by some in the crowd “What does this mean?” from v12, which is now going to be answered by Peter in his preaching!

Kerusso – Greek “To Preach, to herald, to proclaim”. This is Peter's “kerygma” proclamation, as he wants his fellow brothers, the Israelites. who are meant to be the people of God, know that God worked in Jesus Christ – v22 x2, 23 x 2, 24, 30, 32, 33 + 36 (9 times in 15 verses)

In Peter's sermons between Ch2-4 (2:14-41; 3:6-26; 4:8-22), 6 themes are identified in his “kerusso”, his preaching:

1. The age of fulfilment has dawned!
2. This has taken place through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, of which a brief account is given, with proof through Scripture!
3. Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God, as Messiah, Head of the New Israel!
4. The pouring out of God the Holy Spirit is the chief sign of the beginning of the Kingdom, and the presence, power, and glory of Jesus!
5. The Messianic age will shortly reach it's conclusion, with the 2nd coming of Jesus!
6. A plea and appeal for repentance to be saved is always made!

THE CAUSE INVOLVED THE MAN-JESUS! V22-24

There has been no mention of Jesus since Ch1:21!

Fellow Israelites V22 + V29 – The people who claimed to be God's people!

The humanity of Jesus - V22 – A man + V23 – This man (Or Him, Or Jesus)

How do we know that God was at work in the life of Jesus?

V22 – accredited (officially recognised) by God to you!

V22 – which God did, these miraculous signs and wonders!

V23 – handed over by God

V23 – God's deliberate plans - Sovereignty (in terms of predestination) of God and the free will of man!

V24 – but God raised Him from the dead!

Agony of death - Pains in child birth – cords of death brought to an end! If we asked “Why could death not hold Jesus?” Peter’s answer would be because He is the Messiah!

THE CAUSE HAD BEEN FORESEEN BY KING DAVID! V25-V31

Peter uses Psalm 16, explaining that King David, a prophet, prophesied concerning Israel's Messiah! Psalm 16 reveals that the Messiah would be killed, and that death could not hold Him.

How do we know that God was at work in the life of Jesus?

V30 – God promised 2 Samuel ch7:16, All Scripture bears witness to Christ, especially his death, resurrection and world wide mission, that is it's character and purpose.

THE CAUSE IS JESUS, BOTH LORD AND MESSIAH! V32-36

Peter now uses Scripture again, Psalm 110, explaining that God would raise Jesus to sit at His right Hand, being granted supreme power, because of His sacrificial atonement!

How do we know that God was at work in the life of Jesus?

V32 – God raised this Jesus to life!

V33 – Received from God the promised Holy Spirit!

V33 - From this position of supreme honour and absolute power, having received the promised Holy Spirit from God the Father, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit!

V36 – God made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah!

V36 - The word “**Christ**” (Messiah) appears in Acts, singly 12 times, Ch2:31, 36; 3:18; 3:20; 4:26; 5:42; 8:5; 9:22; 17:3a; 18:5, 28; + 26:23 and is **used as a TITLE, not as a name, usually to a Jewish audience!**

APPLICATION

THE QUESTION FROM V12, IS NOW ANSWERED IN V33!

GOD WAS MOST DEFINITELY AT WORK IN JESUS!

BECAUSE WE KNOW HIM WE MUST MAKE HIM KNOWN, NOW!

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