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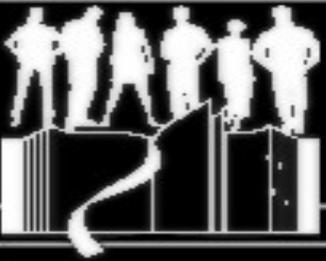
Acts 2:22-29

Jesus in *The Acts of the Apostles*



Acts 2:22-29

22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — 23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 "And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.



Acts 2:22-29

25 "For David says of Him, 'I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN. 26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE; 27 BECAUSE THOU WILT NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW THY HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. 28 'THOU HAST MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; THOU WILT MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH THY PRESENCE.' 29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Who Is Jesus?

- Following His Resurrection and Ascension...
 - The teaching of Christ is now made plain to all men
 - He prepares EACH of us to share His 'Good News!'
 - Jesus must always be the FOCUS of our message
- What did the Apostles share about Jesus?
- What were the things that changed people's lives?
- What do the lost need to know?

Jesus the Nazarene

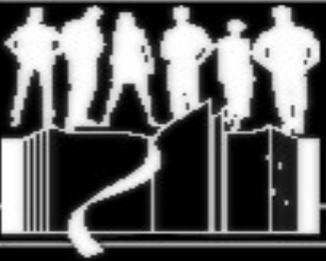
- Same title used by the angel...
 - The reality that Jesus was a real, flesh, man!
- Attested by God
 - Miracles, 'works of power'
 - Wonders
 - Signs
- Focus on what Jesus did to honor the Father!

This Man!

- Specific of Jesus
 - Delivered by the predetermined
 - Plan – no guess work here!
 - Foreknowledge of God
- But, man had a part...
 - You nailed Him – Jews, and us!
 - Godless men (Romans)
 - Outcome of man's response? DEATH for Jesus...

But God...

- Raised Him up!
 - God's work was greater and longer lasting!
 - 'untying the knot' of the agony of death...
 - Jesus conquered death, forever...
 - Why? How?
- Impossible for death to hold Him!
 - He was/is *LIFE*
 - No sin = no power of death!



Hebrews 2:9

9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Only the taste... now our promise!

- David's Psalm 16 – Refuge and Goodness of God
 - Presence of the Lord
 - Never shaken!
 - We abide in Hope!
 - Right Hand, Heart, Flesh, Soul all covered
 - The Ways of Life...