

You Crucified . . . God Raised!

Acts 2:14-41

1. The hostile world is confronted with the truth of the Gospel. (v14-21)

- A. The kingdom of this world always opposes God's truth.
- B. Direct preaching draws the clearest distinction between the way of God and the way of the world.
- C. Peter's Pentecost sermon, hinging on the resurrection, was a Spirit-empowered disruption of the world that demands a verdict.

2. The hostile world killed God's Son. (v22-23)

- A. The Jews, the Romans, and *all sinners* share the culpability for the death of Jesus.
- B. The world's opposition to God is so intense that they killed their only Hope.
- C. Death humanizes all kinds of people. If Christ remained dead, the world won.

3. The hostile world loses the battle – they crucified Christ, but God raised him! (v24-32)

- A. What the world tried to extinguish could not stay down!
- B. The resurrection of Christ confirms that *nothing* is impossible for God!
- C. Because of the resurrection, believers have hope!

4. The hostile world will bow to the risen King. (33-36)

- A. All people must give an answer concerning the resurrected Christ.
- B. Man's plans can never thwart God's plans.
- C. The resurrection power of God is greater than any force in this wicked world.

5. The hostile world loses power every time a soul repents and believes in Jesus Christ. (37-41)

- A. No situation is so powerful that God cannot change it.
- B. The only proper response to the gospel is repentance and faith.
- C. Jesus Christ is alive, exalted, mighty to save!