



“The Resurrection of Jesus Christ”

Acts 13:13-43 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *After Saul was converted to Jesus, he became a prominent defender of Christianity. Today we will look at the first sermon he ever preached to Jews in a synagogue in Pisidian Antioch.*

I. The Fact of the Resurrection.

- A. Saul preached that the resurrection of Jesus was a fact.
- B. Saul at first tried to stamp out Christianity, consenting to the execution of Stephen, a disciple of Jesus and ministry leader in the church at Jerusalem.
- C. Most all Jews in the first century would have rejected Jesus’ claims and the claim that God raised him from the dead.
- D. For Saul or any Jew at the time, strong, hard evidence would have been needed to overcome their disbelief in Jesus.
- E. So why did Saul eventually believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah?

II. The Fulfillment of the Resurrection.

- A. Saul preached that Jesus’ resurrection was the fulfillment of God’s promises in Scripture.
- B. The promises are all about the future that God has planned to give us.
- C. Saul quotes Psalm 2, and Psalm 16.
- D. First, the fact of the resurrection of Jesus proves that we have a future.
- E. Second, the resurrection of Jesus proves that our future is wonderful for those who believe in Jesus.
- F. Third, the resurrection of Jesus proves that our wonderful future is certain.

III. The Freedom of the Resurrection.

- A. The resurrection of Jesus proves that God accepted Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins.
- B. Those who are in Jesus are accepted by God and are truly free from the bondage of sin that alienated us from Him.

Conclusion.