

This Gospel

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Introduction – 9 min

This message is about the gospel that was preached and caused either many to believe or others to be hardened. Some accept this word and believe and are baptized and receive Christ. Some refuse, and rebel, and stir up trouble and try to stop the message. This is the gospel brought by Jesus, preached by Peter, Stephen, Paul and the response was always the same. Some embraced it and their lives were changed. Other heard it and rejected it and fought against it to their own eventual destruction.

Let's begin in

Matthew 10:34–39 (LEB)

Not Peace, But a Sword of Divisiveness

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth! I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And the enemies of a man will be the members of his household. 37 The one who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and the one who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take up his

cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 The one who finds his life will lose it, and the one who loses his life because of me will find it.

How can this be, that Jesus, who established family, who established marriage, and seeks a godly seed, would say this? I have chosen Psalm 110 as the theme for this message:

Psalm 110:1–7 (LEB)

Yahweh Gives Authority to His Messiah

110 Of David. A psalm.

1 A declaration of Yahweh to my lord,

“Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 Yahweh will send out your mighty scepter from Zion;

rule in the midst of your enemies.

3 Your people [will volunteer] in the day of your power.

In holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn,

you will have the dew of your youth.

4 Yahweh has sworn and he will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever

according to the manner of Melchizedek.”

5 O Lord, at your right hand

he will shatter kings in the day of his anger.

6 He will judge among the nations;

he will fill them with corpses.

He will shatter the [rulers] of many countries.

7 He will drink from the stream by the road;

therefore he will lift up his head.

They had walked with him and seen the miracles, yet when he was crucified, they were scattered. There was something they did not yet understand. Jesus spent forty days with his disciples opening the scriptures to them. Jesus told them to go to Jerusalem, this part you may know well.

Luke 24:44–51 (LEB)

Jesus Commissions His Disciples

44 And he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I* was still with you, that everything that is written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."

The first thing Jesus said to them is "everything that is written about me in

1. the law of Moses
2. and the prophets
3. and psalms

must be fulfilled

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and would rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Next "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures"

1. The Christ (there is only one) would suffer
2. Would rise from the dead
3. Repentance and forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem

Note that he told them "to all nations". Even so, they had a hard time accepting this part of the message.

48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending out what was promised by my Father upon you, but you stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then Jesus said to them "you are witnesses", witnesses that everything written about him was fulfilled and witnesses that he was crucified and rose from the dead. And that witness of the work Jesus Christ has done was the foundation repentance and forgiveness to be proclaimed in his name.

As Wilcock says it, there were "Four guiding lights show them the direction in which they are expected to go. They are given a biblical theology (24:46), an evangelistic programme (24:47), an apostolic authority (24:48), and a spiritual dynamic (24:49)" (Wilcock, 1979, p. 212).

Luke 24:50–51 (LEB)

The Ascension

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 And it happened that while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven.

Finally, Jesus finishes, not with any words, but by taking his place in heaven. It may not be absolutely clear in vs. 51 that this is what happened, but let me connect this with our theme verse also used in:

Acts 2:34–36 (LEB)

34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,
 'The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Jesus also quotes Psalm 110 in Luke 20:41-44.

Let me give you a short example here.

My wife worked for many years with a Jewish man, the Director of their program and her boss. As they got to know each other, he would make an offhand comment about praying for this problem or that and my wife would pray, and God would answer. And over the years, he would sometimes seriously ask her to pray and God would answer. So, when he asked about her relationship with God, she pointed him to the Bible as her source for wisdom. His response was, I don't get that kind anything when I read the Bible. And then he asked, what do I need to do to get the insight you get when you read the Bible? Then he stopped, and said, Oh, I need to make Jesus Lord of my life. As far as we know, he never did, but he got the message.

The Propositional Statement

Jesus came to the earth to do a work, and to take his place at the right hand of the Father. And this is not over until God's plan is completed:

“until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

Let’s go to the message that Peter preached on the day of Pentecost. This is our first main point.

Peter

Main Body – 42 min

First Point – 14 min

The day of Pentecost

Acts 2:22–24 (LEB)

22 "Israelite men, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—23 this man, delivered up by the determined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed by* nailing to a cross* through the hand of lawless men. 24 God raised [him] up, having brought to an end the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:25–34 (LEB)

25 For David says with reference to him,
 'I saw the Lord before me [continually],
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken.
26 For this reason my heart was glad
 and my tongue rejoiced greatly,
 furthermore also my flesh will live in hope,
27 because you will not abandon my soul in Hades,
 nor will you permit your Holy One to experience decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
 you will fill me with gladness with your presence.'

In Acts 2:25-28 Peter is quoting Psalm 16:8–11 which says "for you will not abandon my soul to Sheol;".

29 "Men and brothers, it is possible to speak with confidence to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us until this day. 30 Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew

that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat [one of his descendants] on his throne,

And in Acts 2:30 Peter quotes Psalm 132:11 which promises that "One from the fruit of your [body] I will set on your throne".

31 by having foreseen this, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned in Hades nor did his flesh experience decay. 32 This Jesus God raised up, of which we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this that you see and hear.

Now this is where the message gets tough for the Jews. Jesus, resurrection, at the right hand of God, all before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which has just happened in front of them.

34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,
 `The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

So, Peter says it again in Acts 2:34-35 where he quotes Psa 110:1 which is "A declaration of Yahweh to my lord". All of this would have been easily understood by these men, that Jesus descended from David and is rightful heir to the throne, and by calling him "my Lord" he exalts Jesus to a new position, not just as David's son, but as Lord of all.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt, that God has made him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified!"

And, in Acts 2:36, Peter makes it absolutely clear that it was the Messiah, the Lord, Christ that they crucified.

Acts 2:37-41 (LEB) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What should we do, men and brothers?"

Peter's message had been blunt, maybe even brutal and Acts 2:37 says, "they were pierced to the heart". Once they asked, "what should we do?", the answer was simple

38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, each 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 those who are far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to himself."

This is the work Jesus came to do, to make a way for our repentance, to make a way for us to be reconciled to God. And in Acts 2:39 "the promise is for you and for your children, and for all those who are far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to himself."

40 And with many other words he solemnly urged and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this crooked generation!" 41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added.

Let's go on to the next main point.

Stephen

Second Point – 14 min

As we begin to look at this next message, brought by Stephen, remember that everything begins with,

“until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

In Acts 6 the church was growing and Stephen had recently been appointed to his new position overseeing the distribution to the widows. And in

Acts 6:7 (LEB) And the word of God kept spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem was increasing greatly, and a large number of priests began obeying the faith.

Acts 6:8–11 (LEB)

Stephen Arrested

8 Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

The Lord was working with him.

9 But some of those from the Synagogue of the Freedmen ([as it was called]), both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and disputed with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. 11 Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God!”

When they “were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking” they set out using the same tactics that had been used against Jesus, in Acts 6:11-13 they "secretly instigated" (see Mark 14:10-11), "incited the people" (see Mark 15:11), and "put forward false witnesses" (see Mark 14:56-57).

Stephens face was, in Acts 6:15 "like the face of an angel". As the face of Moses was when he came from the presence of God. His face shone so brightly that he had to cover it

Acts 7:1-47

They would have been nodding their heads in agreement all the way through their history with Abraham and Egypt and Moses, until now. But we can't put Him in our box. We can't tell Him who He is. We can "learn of him" as it says in

Matthew 11:29–30 (LEB) Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy to carry and my burden is light.

Stephen begins to tell them about Jesus

Acts 7:48–53 (LEB)

48 But the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands, just as the prophet says,

49 'Heaven is my throne
and earth is the footstool for my feet.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?'

51 "You stiff-necked people and uncircumcised in hearts and in your* ears! You constantly resist the Holy Spirit! As your fathers did, so also do you! 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand about the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become, 53 you who received the law by directions of angels and have not observed it!"

Stephen finishes with two statements:

Acts 7:48-50 "the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands" (which is to say, his throne is in heaven)

Acts 7:51-53 "they (your fathers) killed those who announced beforehand about the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become"

And, with his last statement, he lays the murder of Jesus at their feet.

Or, as it says in Jeremiah 6:16 (LEB) 16 Thus says Yahweh: "Stand at the roads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the way of the good is, and walk in it, and find rest for your inner selves. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

The crowd is rising up against Stephen,

Acts 7:55–56 (LEB) But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Stephen is standing and looking at the glory of God and all the crowd, the mob, could see was their rage. And who do we find in the middle of the crowd? In Acts 7:58 "the witnesses" false witnesses saying Stephen was to be stoned and Saul, an instigator?

But Stephen doesn't cry out for himself in pain, here are his last words

Acts 7:60 "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!".

But we often get caught up in the thought of the crucifixion of Christ when we read these accounts. Do you see the main theme coming through as Stephen preaches?

Acts 7:56b (LEB) "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

This brings me to another message brought by Paul and my final main point,

Paul

Third Point – 14 min

Remember that God is working his plan,

“until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

Paul’s two approaches to proclaiming the gospel:

To the Jews

We find Paul and companions (with Barnabas) on their Holy Spirit commissioned journey in Acts 13:13

Acts 13:13–20 (LEB)

Preaching in the Synagogue at Pisidian Antioch

13 Now [Paul and his companions] put out to sea from Paphos and* came to Perga in Pamphylia, but John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. 14 And they went on from Perga and* arrived at Pisidian Antioch. And they entered into the synagogue on the day of the Sabbath and sat down.

It seems the custom of the day was to recognize visitors and give them a moment to speak as they were invited to do in vs 15.

15 So after the reading from the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, “Men and brothers, if there is any message of exhortation by you for the people, say it.”

Not being a timid man, and being the leader of the group, in Acts 13:16

16 So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand, he said, “Israelite men, and those who fear God, listen!

And as a good speaker, Paul begins with their common history illustrating the power of God on their behalf saying in

(Summary) Acts 13:17-20 "The God of this people Israel chose our fathers", "exalted the people", "with uplifted arm he led them out", "after destroying seven nations ... gave their land to his people", "he gave them judges".

This is very much like the message given by Stephen. Paul continues with

Ac 13:21–29

A Man in Accordance With My Heart

Paul begins by presenting the prophecy that a King, a Savior would come. He shows then how the sons of Israel in Acts 13:21 (LEB) And then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. Then came in Acts 13:22 And after* removing him (Saul), he raised up David for their king, about whom he also said, testifying, 'I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man in accordance with my heart, who will carry out all my will. And, this was the place God chose to, in Acts 13:23 From the descendants of this man (David), according to his promise, God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.

Then Paul moves to their recent history and John the baptist in Acts 13:24–25 (LEB) Before [his coming] John had publicly proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 But while John was completing his mission, he said, 'What do you suppose me to be? I am not he! But behold, one is coming after me of whom I am not worthy to untie the sandals of his feet!'. This makes it perfectly clear that the one who came before, John, would be followed by the King and Savior.

And Paul pauses to command their attention and present the reason he is there, to give them the message of salvation. In Acts 13:26 (LEB) "Men and brothers, sons of the family of Abraham and those among you who fear God—to us the message of this salvation has been sent!

But, first, he needs to explain the death of Jesus, and he says in Acts 13:27–29 (LEB) "because they* did not recognize this one" they didn't see Jesus for who he was, and "the voices of the prophets that are read on every Sabbath, fulfilled them* by* condemning him" they were fulfilling the very prophecies that they read every week "when they had carried out all the things that were written about him" and they crucified him.

Acts 13:30–41

God Raised Him From the Dead

Paul move a little forward in their recent history to the witnesses of Christ's resurrection, in

Acts 13:30–31 (LEB) But God raised him from the dead, 31 who appeared for many days to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem—who are now his witnesses to the people.

And, now Paul says, in

Acts 13:32–35 (LEB) "we proclaim the good news to you: that the promise that was made to the fathers, 33 this promise God has fulfilled to our children by* raising Jesus"

and proves these statements by quoting Psalm 2:7 and here it is good to read all of

Psalm 2:6-12

Then Paul quotes Psalm 16:10, also see the context by reading

Psalm 16:5–11

Paul gives them an invitation, in

Acts 13:38–39 (LEB) "Therefore let it be known to you, men and brothers, that through this one forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and from all the things from which you were not able to be justified by the law of Moses, 39 by this one everyone who believes is justified!

And, if we were giving this message today, we might stop with forgiveness and salvation, but Paul go on to tell them in

Acts 13:40-41 "Watch out"

and quotes the prophecy from

Habbakuk 1:5

a warning that God will raise up judgement.

Judgement will come when

Habakkuk 1:4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice does not go forth perpetually. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice goes forth perverted.

Which is also the message in

Isaiah 59:14–15 (LEB)

14 And justice is pushed back, and righteousness stands afar; for truth stumbles in the public square, and straightforwardness is unable to enter,
15 and truth is missing, and he who turns aside from evil is plundered. And Yahweh saw, and it was displeasing in his eyes that there was no justice

Nearly the Whole City Came Together to Hear

The people responded to the message and in Acts 13:42-43 "many of the Jews and the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas". And in vs 44 "nearly the whole city came".

Acts 13:42–46

Then we see

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting what was being said by Paul by reviling him. And Paul rebukes them

in vs 46 "since you reject it", "we are turning to the gentiles".

Here is the basis for Paul's response to the jealous, and contradicting, and reviling in

Isaiah 6:8–10 (LEB) Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "I am here! Send me!"
9 And he said, "Go and say to this people, 'Keep on listening and do not comprehend! And keep on looking and do not understand!' 10 Make the heart of this people insensitive, and make its ears unresponsive, and shut its eyes so that it may not look with its eyes and listen with its ears and comprehend with its mind and turn back, and it may be healed for him."

There will be those that refuse to hear.

To the Gentiles

Paul's approach to the Gentiles is different. He begins by connecting with something that is a part of their culture, part of what they believe. Here in Acts 17, is Paul's chance to proclaim the gospel before the great minds of this city. He had now been there a while and new a little about them and we see the approach that Paul has used with other Gentiles (Acts 14:14-20). But here, he fine tunes.

In Acts 17:22 he opens with "I see you are very religious" then he points out their own statue, one among many, "To an unknown God".

Acts 17:22–34 (LEB)

22 So Paul stood there in the middle of the Areopagus and* said, "Men of Athens, I see you are very religious [in every respect]. 23 For as I* was passing through and observing carefully your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which was inscribed, 'To an unknown God.' Therefore what you worship without knowing it, this I proclaim to you—

People can be very religious and not really know God. But God is there. And people do know that somewhere, somehow, there is a God.

24 the God who made the world and all the things in it. This one, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to everyone life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of humanity to live on all the face of the earth, determining their fixed times and the fixed boundaries of their habitation,

And this God must be powerful, even these people recognize the limits of kingdoms.

27 to search for God, if perhaps indeed they might feel around for him and find him. And indeed he is not far away from each one of us, 28 for in him we live and move and exist, as even some of [your own] poets have said: 'For we also are [his] offspring.' 29 Therefore, because we are offspring of God, we ought not to think the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and thought.

As Paul says in Acts 17:27 "if they might feel around for him and find him". Or, as it says in Romans 1:19-32 "from the creation of the world, his invisible attributes, both his eternal power and deity, are discerned clearly, being understood in the things created".

30 Therefore although God has overlooked the times of ignorance, he now commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man who he has appointed, having provided proof to everyone by raising him from the dead."

But God is overlooking this history, these times of ignorance because there is now one on the throne of heaven to judge the people, all the people, the world.

Paul's approach to the Gentiles

1. God's eternal power as creator and benefactor to all. Acts 17:24-29
2. God has overlooked the times of ignorance. Acts 17:30
3. God is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man who he has appointed (Jesus Christ), having provided proof to everyone by* raising him from the dead". Acts 17:31

The answer Paul proclaims is Jesus Christ who said in Matthew 11:28–30 (LEB) Come to me, all of you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to carry and my burden is light."

Conclusion

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Our main text:

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he will shatter kings in the day of his anger.

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he will fill them with corpses.

He will shatter the [rulers] of many countries.

7 He will drink from the stream by the road;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Now let me briefly re-state the main points:

1. Peter
2. Stephen
3. Paul

All had “this gospel” to preach, Christ seated at the right hand of the Father, Lord of all. God has already done a great work through Jesus Christ. And we are commissioned to proclaim this gospel of the Kingdom. And we are to do this:

“until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

What would happen today if you gave a short message in your church and the whole city showed up! Would we accept them and present Jesus Christ to them as Paul was trying to do?

Many responded, and others, well,

Acts 17:32 Now when they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, “We will hear you about this again also.”
33 So Paul went out from the midst of them. 34 But some people* joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman [named] Damaris and others with them.

How do you respond?

Prayer of Salvation

Pray: If you have been listening and have never accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life, simply say this prayer with me.

"Dear God,
I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.
I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died
for my sin and that you raised Him to life.
I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord,
from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will.
I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

If you prayed with me, I want to seal that with a short prayer for you.

"Father,
I thank you for these that have accepted Christ today. Lead them by your
Holy Spirit to a local Church where they can learn more about you and
your plan for their life, In Jesus name, Amen

Commission Prayer for Christians

Pray: For those of you that are Christians, we have a commission to preach this gospel of the kingdom. Go and read God's promises and make them your own. And, pray with me now.

"Father,
I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ.
Father, I know it is your desire that all would be saved and come to know the truth.
I commit myself to this work of ministry and ask you to order my steps and prepare people by drawing them in.
Prepare moments when I can share the work and love of Jesus Christ with others.
I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

For those of you that prayed with me, would you please go to <http://tellone.org> and add a prayer request so that we can connect with you and continue to pray for the fulfillment of God's plan in your life.

"Preparation time is never wasted time." Dr. Kenneth E. Hagin

"Success is always the result of following the leading of the Holy Spirit." Dr. Kenneth E. Hagin

More About Peter

In Acts 10:25-27 Peter greets Cornelius and "found many people gathered".

[Acts 10:25-33](#)

Then Peter opens the conversation with the group in Acts 10:28-29. Note that it doesn't say he was filled with the Spirit as he declares the religious law, "You know that it is forbidden for a Jewish man to associate with or approach a foreigner" (see Ephesians 2:11-12 to understand how alienated the gentiles were), then he refers to his vision, "to me God has shown that I should call no man common or unclean".

So, Peter has told them it is against the religious law, but God said it was OK, so, vs 29 "without raising any objection—I came". Let me say this, not raising an objection is not the same as being excited to be there.

Then Peter closes his opening comment with this demand, "So I ask for what reason you sent for me." or in other words, "why am I here?", or "what do you want from me?" Peter's opening could have been warmer.

Then Cornelius explains in Acts 10:30-33 saying "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard ... so now we are all present before God to hear". Cornelius, a gracious man, and all he has any influence with, are ready before Peter.

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

Peter comes face to face with his own religious prejudice as he begins to speak in

Acts 10:36 saying "the message that he sent to the sons of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—this one is Lord of all—".

Peter then in Acts 10:37-42 presents the recent history, the gospel of the Kingdom, Jesus Christ, risen, "appointed by God as judge of the living and of the dead".

And finally in Acts 10:43 "that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins." Can you feel the change in Peter as he says these words "through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins", not just the sons of Israel.

End Notes

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