

Acts 2:29-36 “The Ascension”

Synopsis: Jesus has been declared Lord and King by rising from the dead.

We're all out of control

Peter expounds on Psalm 16, and first affirms their loss of control...

Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (Acts 2:29)

- David, who seemed to control everything, couldn't control death.

Death = ultimate reminder that we're not in control.

Death does not have the final word

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. (Acts 2:32)

He went over and beyond!

Jesus healed sickness and cast out demons. But now he overaccepts to prove a point: **Jesus is more powerful than death!** “It was not possible for him to be held by it” (Acts 2:24)

1. Sin 2. Death 3. Devil

But do you know why this is good news for us?

Jesus' victory over death is our victory

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. (Acts 2:33)

- The disciples were speaking in other languages and being accused of being drunk.
- Big picture: this was the reversal of Babel!

Jesus is single-handedly reversing the curse on the world that results in everything from death, to corruption, to suffering. **Jesus is righting every wrong!**

- The resurrection is a statement. God is declaring that **JESUS IS LORD AND KING.**

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” (Acts 2:36)

- Ascension = the act of rising to an important position or a higher level.

His Son...was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 1:2-4)

In a stunning reversal, he uses the thing we can't beat--death--to display his power. The world's method of freedom is to fight for control. This rarely works in the long run.

Jesus, who already fought for us, invites us to a revolutionary way:

Surrender control to Him.