

[the Father] has made this **Jesus [the Son]**, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**" → That reality should cause †all believers to rejoice and †all non-believers to repent!

Conclusion: So now – having a greater understanding of the Holy Trinity:

- † The Father's plan to save us!
- † The Son's actual death for our sins!
- † The Spirit's indwelling within us (1 Cor. 6:19-20)!

Let us be filled with joy because we are ♥ richly loved and ♥ greatly blessed in countless ways both now and forever! And all God's people said: *Amen!*

Follow Up Questions – what do you remember?

1. Who actually did the miracles? (22) _____
2. What is true of Jesus' arrest and death? (23)
 - a. Wicked men won!
 - b. It was all according to God's plan!
3. Why should believers not fear death? (2. b.)
 - a. Our souls ... _____
 - b. Our bodies ... _____
4. Whose body did not see decay? (31) _____
5. Who is now in authority over all things? (33) _____
6. The True God is 3 in 1: (introduction)
 - a. 3 _____ in
 - b. 1 _____!

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God is 3 in 1

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

Based on Acts 2:14a, 22-36 NIV



The Holy Trinity – 2010
May 30 → 8:15 & 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Today – in the church year – is the Sunday of the Holy Trinity. We focus on part of Acts chapter 2, which contains many references to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. May we grow in our **knowledge of and faith in the True God** → **3 distinct persons in 1 divine being!**

Our text is part of the sermon preached by Peter on the Day of Pentecost, which we celebrated last Sunday!

1. **Jesus' Ministry, Death, and Resurrection** – Notice how God the Father and God the Son worked together to save us from our sins: ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ... ²² "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth [the Son] was a man accredited by God [the Father] to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God [the Father] did among you **through him [the Son]**, as you yourselves know [**So who did the miracles?**]. ²³ **This man [the Son]** was handed over to you by God's [**the Father's**] set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked

men, put him [the Son] to death by nailing him [the Son] to the cross [Jesus' arrest and death – who/what prevailed? Wicked men or the Father's plan?].²⁴ But God [the Father] raised him [the Son] from the dead, freeing him [the Son] from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him [the Son].

2. **A Quote from Psalm 16:8-11** – Peter used this quote as Scriptural proof of Jesus' death and resurrection. Dr. Kretzmann helps us better understand the quote with this explanation: "...David says certain facts [about] the Lord [the Father], and the Messiah [the Son of God] speaks through him [through David]." (541)²⁵ David said [in other words, the Son said through David] about him [the Father]: 'I saw the Lord [the Father] always before me. Because he [the Father] is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,²⁷ because you [the Father] will not abandon me [David / the Son] to the grave, nor will you [the Father] let your Holy One [the Son] see decay.²⁸ You [the Father] have made known to me [David / the Son] the paths of life; you [the Father] will fill me [David / the Son] with joy in your presence.'

a. **We – like David – should not be shaken:**

- i. Jesus said: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Mat. 28:20 NAS) Even when we feel alone, Jesus is with us *to help us!*
- ii. "...if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous..." (1 John 2:1 NAS) Lenski wrote: "...advocates used to sit at the

right side of the clients they supported..." (86)

Jesus is with us *to speak in our defense!*

- b. **We – like David – should not fear death:** Our souls will immediately go to heaven *through Jesus* and our bodies will eventually be raised!

3. **Clarifying Psalm 16:8-11** –²⁹ "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day [David is not the one whose body did not decay].³⁰ But he [David] was a prophet and knew that God [the Father] had promised him [David] on oath that he [the Father] would place one of his [David's] descendants on his [David's] throne.³¹ Seeing what was ahead, he [David] spoke of the resurrection of the Christ [the Son], that he [the Son] was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his [the Son's] body see decay.³² God [the Father] has raised this Jesus [the Son] to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. → **Again, Jesus' resurrection gives us great assurance:** ^{NIV} **Romans 6:5** "If we [believers] have been united with him [Jesus] like this in his death [that is, in baptism], we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection." **Death is not the end!**

4. **Jesus is both Lord and Christ** –³³ Exalted to the right hand of God [the Father] [Sitting at God the Father's right is to exercise all of His might and majesty. (Lenski, 100)], he [the Son] has received from the Father the promised **Holy Spirit** and has poured out what you now see and hear.³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, 'The Lord [the Father] said to my Lord [the Son]: "Sit at my right hand³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."' ³⁶ Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God