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**Sierra Vista Community Church, Las Cruces, NM**

**Acts Sermon Series: Pray Send Go**

**Peter's Bold Stance, part 2, Acts 2:22-35**

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**Introduction**—As we are in the middle of a 3 week look into this amazing sermon by Peter, I am so encouraged by it. I pray you are as well. Just to know that we aren't wasting our time meeting together is refreshing. We are meeting together for a purpose and that purpose is to know Jesus and what exactly He did on our behalf. This sermon is a testimony of the power of the Holy Scriptures spoken to us thousands of years ago. This is only made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We must be about the Father's business as the reason to why we meet together, or we too could be coming for the wrong reasons.

Let us look at our text today: I believe Peter felt the same way that I do as he preached this sermon to fellow believers and leaders the church.

**Stand & Read—Acts 2:22-35**

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

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Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

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because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
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You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 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. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

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Pray

**1. An Exact Plan—verses 22-24**

- A. When you think about the plan of God, what is it that goes through your mind?
- B. **Jeremiah 29:11**—For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- C. When Jeremiah said those words, he first had to know that God in His redemptive power was going make that way for us.
- D. **Verse 22**—*Peter says the same thing.* “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
- E. The Plan of God is an exact plan, with every detail placed in a specific order so there could only be 1 explanation. It is all God!
- F. Jesus was a man. Don’t ever think that Jesus doesn’t understand the earthly life. He knows what we go through because he already went through it.
- G. **Hebrews 4:15**—For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- H. God knows what He is doing.
- I. Jesus is accredited by God to do miracles, wonders, and signs among us.
- J. Any miracle that happens, Jesus gets the credit! Any amazing thing you see, Jesus gets the credit! This was God’s exact plan.
- K. He knows we need to see visuals of God’s work here on earth, so He lets us see them.
- L. We see the birth of new life in babies. We see children, teens, and even adults coming to faith in Jesus. It is a total miracle.
- M. We see miracle after miracle so we can understand God. Jesus gets the credit!
- N. **Verse 23**—God sent Jesus to us, so we could put Him to death, so we could know first-hand His exact plan.
- O. Our sin sent Jesus to the cross. You didn’t have to be there to have participated. When we sin, we are why He was crucified. We might as well have drove the nails in Jesus’ body ourselves.
- P. Don’t worry, that is part of the plan.
- Q. **Verse 24**— But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.
- R. Jesus had to die for our sin, so He could defeat our sin once and for all!

- S. As Peter is preaching, we must understand that we need to hear about God's plan in real terms about what really happened. We can think that we already know.
- T. Our sins must be dealt with so we can know that Jesus gets the credit for you and me free! Every week, we tell you that Jesus had paid your sin debt in full, and we cannot become weary of the plan.
- U. It keeps us in focus of hopefully, sinning less and less, as we walk more and more with Jesus. That is the plan of God.

### **Illustration—God's plan**

\*It wasn't raining when Noah was asked to build the Ark.

\*Hudson Taylor (missionary to China) had definite convictions about how God's work should be done. We can make our best plans and try to carry them out in our own strength. Or we can make careful plans and ask God to bless them. "Yet another way of working is to begin with God; to ask His plans, and to offer ourselves to Him to carry out His purposes."

That is precisely what Peter was trying to convey to us. This is God's exact plan, so let's get on board with it and stop trying to dance around it.

**Application**—Have you believed the plan of God yet? Are you still wrestling with the fact that you can truly be forgiven for the sins you have committed? You can put your faith in Jesus because He has forgiven you already when He went to the cross.

### **2. A Prophetic Plan—verses 25-28**

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- A. **Verse 25**—Peter once again quotes Old Testament Scripture, **Psalm 16:8-11**
- B. In this Psalm, we see David seeing Jesus. When we see Jesus at work, we will not be shaken! We can count on Jesus!
- C. **Verse 26**—When we know Jesus is in charge, we can celebrate! It makes our heart glad! We shout, sing, or speak with joy about our God!
- D. **Verse 27**—Is a prophetic plan of God. This is a preview that we will not be abandon when we die. Jesus will rescue His people!

- E. **Verse 28**—God is not hiding anything from us. He makes Himself known!
- F. David proclaimed this prophecy over us! We can know the plan of God!
- G. We can be filled with joy as we experience the presence of His power and plan for our lives!

### **Illustration—Prophecy about Jesus**

- Both the Old and New Testaments are full of promises about the return of Jesus Christ.
- Over 1,800 references appear in the O.T., and seventeen O.T. books give prominence to this theme.
- Of the 260 chapters in the N.T., there are more than 300 references to the Lord's return or one out of every 30 verses.
- 23 of the 27 N.T. books refer to this great event...For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are 8 on Christ's second coming.
- God's plan is a prophetic plan!

**Application**—What else can God do to convince you that He has a great plan? Make your life part of God's plan.

### **3. A Victorious Plan—verses 29-35**

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 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. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

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- A. **Verses 29-30**—Peter gives us this information that is a real mind blower. David's grave is still there, but David knew what God had promised.
- B. God promised David that there would always be an heir on his throne.
- C. **Matthew 1:1**—This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:
- D. **Matthew 1:5-6**—Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,**6** and Jesse the father of King David.
- E. **Matthew 1:16—16** and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.
- F. King Jesus is in the lineage of King David! A victorious plan!

- G. **Verse 31**—David knew that the Messiah would be raised from the dead!
- H. **Verse 32**—Peter says, we all saw Jesus when God raised Him to life! We are eyewitness accounts of this resurrection!
- I. What more proof does God have to do for you to believe? There is nothing more that He can do. He already died on your behalf.
- J. **Verse 33**—This verse we must lean into.
- K. *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.*
- L. Jesus is with God. He has received the Holy Spirit. He now has given us the Holy Spirit.
- M. Peter wants you to make sure that you know the we see and we hear the power of the Holy Spirit. When we see and we hear the Holy Spirit, we are to give Him praise! The Holy Spirit makes it possible for you to believe.
- N. He draws you to the cross. The Holy Spirit is what you sense when God is speaking to you.
- O. **Ephesians 4:30**—And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- P. When we don't acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit, we squelch the work of the Holy Spirit. If you see and hear the Holy Spirit, and do not give Him credit, then someone else may not believe.
- Q. What you do in response to the Holy Spirit can affect others around you.
- R. **Verse 34-35**— For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”
- S. Peter quotes another Scripture here: Psalm 110:1
- T. In the Original Hebrew text of Psalm 110, the first LORD is all caps meaning Yahweh. Yahweh is the covenant name for God.
- U. The second Lord means Adoni, meaning master.
- V. **David said, “Yahweh said the Adoni.”**
- W. So, here where Peter is preaching about a passage a scripture that the Hebrews absolutely would know, Peter applies the prophecy of Psalm 110:1.
- X. God said to Jesus, sit at my right hand, and your enemies will be your new footstool.
- Y. This powerful interpretation cuts the hearers to their core. It makes Jesus the true Messiah, as David said He was.
- Z. What a victorious plan!

**Application**—Do you have true victory in Jesus? Are you accepting of His plan for your life? Will you make Jesus your King today?

**Pray**