

Read Acts 2:22-28

22 “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.

23 But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him.

24 But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

25 King David said this about him: ‘I see that the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

26 No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope.

27 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.

28 You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’

What did Peter say to the Jews (v. 22)? Listen to me/Pay attention to me. I have something very important to tell you. He said that God was pleased with Jesus. That God approved of what Jesus was doing and He enabled Jesus to do many miracles.

According to Peter, what did God know (v. 23)? He knew exactly what would happen because He had already planned everything.

According to Peter, what was God’s plan? That Jesus would be betrayed and crucified and would die on a cross.

Why was it God’s plan that Jesus would be killed? So our sins could be forgiven by the blood of Jesus. He died in our place.....a perfect substitute.....a perfect sacrifice. (Explain and ensure understanding)

What did God do when the Jews killed Jesus (v. 24)? God raised Him from the dead and He was alive again.

In vv. 25-28, Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11 to prove that King David prophesied about Jesus’ resurrection in the Old Testament. What did King David say about Jesus?

- v. 25 Jesus was confident that God was always with Him and He wasn’t afraid.
- v. 26 His heart was joyful and He was praising God.
- v. 27 Jesus knew God would not forget about Him and leave Him in the grave after He had died.
- v. 28 He knew God had led Him through all His life and He was filled with joy.
- **Can we say the same things about ourselves?**

What does that tell us about Jesus’ relationship with His heavenly Father? Jesus trusted God for everything even in terrible times like when He was crucified.