

A Sure Foundation for Life Acts 2:22-24,36-41

Introduction

1. An OT 8th Century B.C. prophecy, of a coming unequalled Person (The Messiah or Christ) (Is.9:6)

1. The humanity and deity of the coming Messiah (Isaiah 9:6-7)
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2. The substitutionary death of the Messiah/Christ for sinners (Isaiah 53:5-6)
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2. The fulfilled prophecies of Isaiah in the NT

1. Fulfilled prophecy: The humanity of Jesus the Christ (2:22,23)

2. Fulfilled prophecy: The rational basis to the deity of Jesus (Acts 2:22,24,27,31-36)

1. Note the challenge of the Christian faith

2. Notice how the Christian faith is verified

1. Verbal claims: Jesus' repeatedly claimed to be God (Jn.5:21-23,39; 6:35,40; 8:56-59; 9:5; 11:25)

2. Practical evidence: The claims practically verified through objective signs (Mk.1:32-34; 2:5-12; Matt.8:1-4; 9:18-26)

3. The essential link of the claim and the evidence supporting that claim (Resurrection: Jn.11:25 and 11:43-44; Bread of life: 6:1-13 and 6:35)

4. The multitude of witnesses to the miracles (Acts 2:22)

1. Peter is addressing non-Christian Jewish people (Acts 2:22; Jn.11:46-48)

2. Tens of thousands of Jewish people witnessed Jesus' miracles (Jn.6:1-14; Mk.8:1-10)

3. Fulfilled prophecy: The substitutionary work of Jesus the Messiah/Christ for sinners (Acts 2:23; Isaiah 53:5,8)

1. Christ's death on the cross was the plan of God (Acts 2:23; Is.52:13-53:12)

2. Christ's death on the cross was voluntarily (Jn.10:17b-18)
3. The reason for Christ's death on the cross (Acts 2:23b; 2:36b)
4. Jesus conquered death (Acts 2:24)
 1. Predicted in the OT (Is.53:10b,11; Ps.16:8-11; 110:1)
 2. Predicted by Jesus (Mk.8:31-32; 9:9-10, 30-32; 10:33-34,45)
 3. Jesus' prediction was known by the Sanhedrin who took steps to seek to ensure that it did not happen (Matt.27:62-66)
 4. Evidence after 50 days (1Cor.15:3-8)

3. God's command: Repentance (Acts 2:37-38;40)

1. The Holy Spirit convicted them of their sin (Acts 2:37; Jn.16:8ff)
2. The necessity of repentance (Acts 2:38; Mk.1:15)
3. Through Christ's substitutionary sacrifice we have full and complete forgiveness of every sin
 1. All of grace
 2. The necessity of substitution
4. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Conclusion

1. Two men have melanomas on their arms.
2. Sin is a serious reality in every person's life.
3. When we all die, we will face God: