

# Acts 13:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

## Analysis

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**Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins**—Paul's first recorded sermon (in Pisidian Antioch) declares Christ as the source of forgiveness. **Through this man** (διὰ τούτου) identifies the risen Jesus just described (vv.30-37) as God's sole means of pardon. **Forgiveness of sins** (ἀφεσίς ἀμαρτιῶν) echoes Peter's Pentecost message (2:38), establishing consistent apostolic gospel. The phrase 'is preached' (καταγγέλλεται) emphasizes public proclamation—this isn't private gnosis but universal announcement demanding response.

## Historical Context

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Paul's sermon in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch during his first missionary journey (circa 47-48 AD). The audience included Jews and God-fearing Gentiles (v.16, 26). Paul traced Israel's history from Egypt through David, showing Christ as the promised Davidic Seed (vv.16-37). This sermon's structure parallels Peter's Acts 2 address, suggesting established apostolic preaching patterns.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does identifying Jesus as 'this man' emphasize the incarnation's necessity for salvation?
2. What difference does it make that forgiveness is 'preached' publicly versus privately offered?

## Interlinear Text

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γνωστὸν	οὖν	ἔστω	ὑμῖν	ἄνδρες	ἀδελφοί	ὅτι	διὰ
known	therefore	Be it	unto you	men	and brethren	that	through
G1110	G3767	G2077	G5213	G435	G80	G3754	G1223
τούτου	ὑμῖν	ἀφεσις	ἀμαρτιῶν	καταγγέλλεται			
this man	unto you	the forgiveness	of sins	is preached			
G5127	G5213	G859	G266	G2605			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 24:47** (Sin): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Acts 5:31** (Sin): Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

**1 John 2:12** (Sin): I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

**Acts 2:38** (Sin): Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Colossians 1:14** (Sin): In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

**Acts 28:28** (Parallel theme): Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

**Acts 10:43** (Sin): To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

**Ephesians 1:7** (Sin): In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

**John 1:29** (Sin): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Hebrews 9:22** (Parallel theme): And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

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