

# Acts 17:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

## Analysis

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Paul's method - 'opening and alleging' that Christ must suffer and rise, then proving 'that this Jesus... is Christ' - shows systematic theological argumentation. He first established Messiah's necessity to suffer (contrary to popular expectation), then proved Jesus fulfilled these prophecies. This logical progression from Scripture to Jesus models apologetic methodology.

## Historical Context

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Jewish messianic expectation emphasized the Messiah's glory, making His suffering a 'stumbling block' (1 Corinthians 1:23). Paul's demonstration that Scripture predicted Messiah's suffering prepared hearers to accept Jesus's crucifixion as messianic fulfillment rather than disqualification.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you help others see that Jesus fulfills all Scripture, including parts that seem contradictory to expectations?
2. What does this teach about addressing objections by showing biblical foundations before applying them to Jesus?

## Interlinear Text

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διανοίγων	καὶ	παρατιθέμενος	ὅτι	τὸν	Χριστός	ἔδει	
Opening	and	alleging	that	G3588	Christ	must needs	
G1272	G2532	G3908	G3754		G5547	G1163	
παθεῖν	καὶ	ἀναστῆναι	ἐκ	νεκρῶν	καὶ	ὅτι	οὗτός
have suffered	and	risen again	from	the dead	and	that	this
G3958	G2532	G450	G1537	G3498	G2532	G3754	G3778
ἐστίν	ὁ	Χριστός	Ἰησοῦς	ὃν	ἐγὼ	καταγγέλλω	ὑμῖν
is	G3588	Christ	Jesus	whom	I	preach	unto you
G2076		G5547	G2424	G3739	G1473	G2605	G5213

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 18:28** (References Jesus): For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

**Luke 24:32** (Parallel theme): And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

**Acts 9:22** (References Christ): But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

**Acts 3:18** (References Christ): But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

**Luke 24:46** (Resurrection): And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

