

Acts 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Analysis

Peter's sermon centers on Jesus' identity validated through miracles, wonders, and signs—three terms emphasizing different aspects of supernatural authentication. The phrase 'delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God' establishes divine sovereignty over the crucifixion while maintaining human responsibility ('ye have taken').

Historical Context

Peter addresses fellow Jews ('ye men of Israel') who witnessed or heard of Jesus' ministry (AD 27-30). His reference to 'Jesus of Nazareth' uses the common identifier for the recently crucified teacher, making his resurrection claim immediately relevant.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do Jesus' miracles authenticate his divine mission and message?
2. What does God's sovereignty over Christ's crucifixion teach about His control over apparent evil?

Interlinear Text

ἄνδρα Ἰσραὴλ ἴται ἀκούσατε τοὺς λόγους τούτους·

Ye men of Israel hear words these
G435 G2475 G191 G3588 G3056 G5128

Ἰησοῦν τὸν Ναζωραῖον ἄνδρα ἀπὸ τοῦ θεὸς

Jesus of Nazareth Ye men of God
G2424 G3588 G3480 G435 G575 G2316

ἀποδεδειγμένον εἰς ὑμᾶς δυνάμεσιν καὶ τέρασιν καὶ

approved among you by miracles also wonders also
G584 G1519 G5209 G1411 G2532 G5059 G2532

σημείοις οἷς ἐποίησεν δι' αὐτοὶ ὁ θεὸς ἐν μέσῳ

signs which did by him God in the midst
G4592 G3739 G4160 G1223 G846 G2316 G1722 G3319

ὑμῶν καθὼς καὶ αὐτοὶ οἴδατε

of you as also him know
G5216 G2531 G2532 G846 G1492

Additional Cross-References

John 3:2 (References Jesus): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Acts 4:10 (References Jesus): Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Matthew 12:28 (References God): But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Matthew 9:8 (References God): But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Luke 11:20 (References God): But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Hebrews 2:4 (References God): God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Acts 6:14 (References Jesus): For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

Acts 5:35 (References Israel): And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

Acts 26:26 (Parallel theme): For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

Acts 21:28 (Word): Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.