

Acts 2:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Peter's climactic declaration 'This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses' combines theological assertion with eyewitness testimony. The emphatic 'This Jesus' (Greek 'touton ton Iēsoun') identifies the historical Jesus of Nazareth with the resurrected Christ. The phrase 'we all are witnesses' (Greek 'martures') claims firsthand knowledge, establishing apostolic authority. Resurrection transforms disciples from frightened deserters to bold proclaimers.

Historical Context

This statement, delivered 50 days post-resurrection, appealed to recent public events Jesus' crucifixion and reported resurrection appearances. The apostles' willingness to die for this testimony (all but John were martyred) validates their sincerity. Ancient courts valued eyewitness testimony above circumstantial evidence.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What difference does eyewitness testimony make for Christianity's credibility compared to philosophical systems?
2. How does the resurrection transform believers from fearful to bold in witness?

Interlinear Text

τοῦτον	τὸν	Ἰησοῦν	ἀνέστησεν	ό	θεός	οῦ	πάντες
This	G3588	Jesus	hath	G3588	God	whereof	all
G5126		G2424	G450		G2316	G3739	G3956
ἡμεῖς	ἐσμεν	μάρτυρες·					
we	are	witnesses					
G2249	G2070	G3144					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:15 (Resurrection): And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 1:8 (Witness): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:22 (Resurrection): Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Acts 2:24 (Resurrection): Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts 4:33 (Resurrection): And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.