

Acts 2:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

Analysis

Peter quotes Psalm 110:1 - 'The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand' - to prove Christ's deity and messianic identity. The Hebrew distinguishes Yahweh (LORD, covenant name) commanding Adonai (Lord, master) to sit enthroned. David calls his descendant 'Lord,' impossible unless this descendant is divine. Christ used this psalm to confound Pharisees (Matthew 22:41-46); Peter now wields it evangelistically.

Historical Context

Psalm 110 was unanimously recognized as messianic in Second Temple Judaism. David's authorship was undisputed. Peter's argument was devastating: if David prophesied about Messiah, and Jesus rose from death, then Jesus is Messiah and Lord. The logic was inescapable for those accepting Scripture's authority.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Psalm 110's divine/human dyad prove Christ's deity within monotheistic Judaism?
2. What does Christ's session at God's right hand mean for believers' present security and future hope?

Interlinear Text

οὐ	γὰρ	Δαβὶδ	ἀνέβη	εἰς	τοὺς	οὐρανούς	λέγει	δὲ
is not	For	David	ascended	into		the heavens	he saith	but
G3756	G1063	G1138	G305	G1519	G3588	G3772	G3004	G1161
αὐτός	Εἶπεν	ό	κυρίω	τῷ	κυρίω	μου	Κάθου	ἐκ
himself	said		Lord		Lord	my	Sit thou	on
G846	G2036	G3588	G2962	G3588	G2962	G3450	G2521	G1537
δεξιῶν	μου							
right hand	my							
G1188	G3450							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 110:1 (References Lord): The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Hebrews 1:13 (Parallel theme): But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Ephesians 1:22 (Parallel theme): And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Mark 12:36 (References Lord): For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

1 Corinthians 15:25 (Parallel theme): For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

