

Acts 2:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Analysis

Peter's climactic assertion proclaims Jesus as both Messiah ('Christ') and divine Lord ('Lord'), titles carrying profound theological weight. The contrast between Jewish crucifixion and God's vindication through resurrection establishes Christianity's central paradox. 'Let all the house of Israel know assuredly' demands response to inescapable truth.

Historical Context

This verse concludes Peter's Pentecost sermon, appealing to eyewitness testimony of resurrection appearances. The title 'Lord' (Greek 'kurios') applied to Jesus equals the Septuagint's rendering of YHWH, asserting Jesus' deity to a Jewish audience familiar with such usage.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' lordship demand from those who acknowledge him as both Christ and Lord?
2. How should the church proclaim Jesus' resurrection and lordship with similar boldness today?

Interlinear Text

ἀσφαλῶς οὖν γινωσκέτω πᾶς οἶκος Ἰσραὴλ ὅτι καὶ^{assuredly} ^{Therefore} ^{know} ^{all} ^{the house} ^{of Israel} ^{that} ^{and}
G806 G3767 G1097 G3956 G3624 G2474 G3754 G2532

κύριον καὶ Χριστὸν αὐτὸν ὁ θεός ἐποίησεν τοῦτον
Lord and Christ G846 G3588 God hath made that same
G2962 G2532 G5547 G2316 G4160 G5126

τὸν Ἰησοῦν ὃν ὑμεῖς ἐσταυρώσατε
G3588 Jesus whom ye have crucified
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Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 5:10 (References Christ): For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Ezekiel 34:30 (References God): Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD.

Zechariah 13:1 (Parallel theme): In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Jeremiah 31:31 (References Lord): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jeremiah 33:14 (References Lord): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 9:26 (References Israel): Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Luke 2:11 (References Christ): For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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