

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			
	G2424	G3739	G5210	G4717			

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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