

Acts 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Analysis

Peter's proclamation centers on 'his Son Jesus' - emphasizing divine Sonship. The phrase 'glorified his Son' connects to Isaiah's Suffering Servant. Peter boldly indicts his audience: 'ye delivered up, and denied him' - confronting corporate guilt while offering mercy.

Historical Context

The titles 'God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob' connected Jesus to covenant history. Peter accused the Jerusalem crowd of complicity in Christ's death, a bold accusation to those gathered for worship.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Peter's boldness in confronting sin challenge comfortable evangelism?
2. What does calling Jesus 'his Son' affirm about Christ's divine nature?

Interlinear Text

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G3588 The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob G3588 The God
G2316 G11 G2532 G2464 G2532 G2384 G2316

τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν ἐδόξασεν τὸν παῖδα αὐτόν Ἰησοῦν
G3588 fathers of our hath glorified G3588 Son him Jesus
G3962 G2257 G1392 G3816 G846 G2424

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whom ye delivered up and denied him in
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πρόσωπον Πιλάτου κρίναντος ἐκείνου ἀπολύειν.
the presence of Pilate when he was determined him go
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 7:32 (References God): Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

Matthew 22:32 (References God): I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Hebrews 2:9 (Glory): But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Exodus 3:6 (References God): Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

John 19:12 (Parallel theme): And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

John 19:15 (Parallel theme): But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

John 18:40 (Parallel theme): Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

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