

Acts 3:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Analysis

The supreme irony: 'killed the Prince of life' - they murdered the source of all life. Yet 'God raised him from the dead' vindicated Jesus and provided the very life they tried to extinguish. Peter and John stand as resurrection witnesses, their testimony authenticated by the healing just performed.

Historical Context

The title 'Prince of life' (Greek *archegos*) means originator, pioneer, or founder. Killing life's author was the ultimate futility - death couldn't hold Him.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does 'Prince of life' reveal about Christ's essential nature?
2. How does resurrection vindicate everything Christ claimed?

Interlinear Text

τὸν	δὲ	ἀρχηγὸν	τῆς	ζωῆς	ἀπεκτείνατε	οὗ	ό	θεὸς	
G3588		And	the Prince	G3588	of life		killed	whereof	G3588
G1161			G747		G2222		G615		G2316
ἥγειρεν	ἐκ	νεκρῶν		οὗ	ἡμεῖς	μάρτυρές	ἐσμεν		
hath raised	from	the dead		whereof	we	witnesses	are		
G1453	G1537	G3498		G3739	G2249	G3144	G2070		

Additional Cross-References

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.

Revelation 21:6 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Acts 2:32 (Resurrection): This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Hebrews 2:10 (Parallel theme): For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

John 1:4 (Parallel theme): In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 5:26 (Parallel theme): For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Revelation 22:17 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Hebrews 5:9 (Parallel theme): And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

1 John 5:20 (References God): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (Parallel theme): And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

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