

Digging Deeper: Acts 2:22-39 (*Jesus is Lord*)

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Day 1

Pray for Spiritual Reflection and read Acts 2:1–21 in preparation for this lesson. Recall that it is in this Scripture lesson that the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, followed by Peter addressing the crowd who had just witnessed this colossal event.

Day 2

Encourage one another often and pray for God's Grace and Mercy, then read Acts 2:22–23. Peter continues to address the crowd who was looking to make sense out of what they had just witnessed. Peter explains how Yahweh (God) gifted the world by sacrificing his only begotten son Yeshua (Jesus). He reminded them that this sacrifice was part of Yahweh's "plan and foreknowledge and with the help of wicked men put Yeshua to death by nailing him to the cross" (verse 23). Before considering feelings of disappointment and/or assigning blame, hope has come to the rescue!

Day 3

Pray for Honesty and receive Hope and read Acts 2:24–28. Peter continues to speak to the crowd about the miraculous act that Yahweh performed with Yeshua. Pay close attention to the beginning of verse 24, which is in stark contrast to the horrific death of Yeshua. The NIV version of this verse is: "But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." This is where the people who had recently witnessed Yeshua's last days on earth began to understand the truth behind Yahweh's mighty plan; and that was to defeat the **lie** that caused the fall of man back in Genesis. Read Genesis 3:1–24.

Day 4

Pray for Spiritual Discernment and read Acts 2:29–36. Peter goes on to elevate Yeshua above all great men and women who have ever walked this earth, including King David, the well-known Jewish patriarch. David was a man after God's own heart and Yahweh promised David that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. That oath came in the form of Yeshua. What is the significance here? David came from the seed of Adam who sinned against Yahweh and Yeshua comes from the seed of Yahweh who has no sin.

Day 5

Pray for Spiritual Revelation and Guidance after reading Acts 2:37. True followers of Christ are practitioners, meaning that we strive to become specialists and eventual experts in reflecting the ways of Yeshua the Christ (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control).

Day 6

Pray for Repentance and Spiritual Conviction and read Acts 2:38–39. I pray that you find comfort knowing that the promise of Yahweh is for you and for your children and for all who are far off (Gentiles). Also, read Acts 10:45.