

## **A Message of This Salvation**

**1. This Salvation in Jesus Was Long Foretold.**

**2. But They Didn't Understand It.**

**3. So God Has Sent Us to Explain It to You.**

The condemnation, death on a tree, and burial of Jesus are not evidences against His being the promised Messiah, but rather demonstration of God's fulfillment of His promise. Even the misunderstanding and disbelief of His people was part of what God used to bring it about. God the Father raised Jesus from the grave and He has appeared before many witnesses. This good news has now come to you. Will you believe and rejoice that Christ has come?

## 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 13

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.<sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.<sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

### Acts—Series Overview

#### ***The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power***

*Acts* records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

The God of the Bible is eternally faithful. He has kept all of His promises in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection testify to His integrity. His resurrection life is now empowering all who trust in Him. Let us live in the power of His might!

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## **Sunday Morning**

**READ Acts 13:26-43; Romans 1:1-7; First Corinthians 2:1-13.** DISCUSS, God uses all things (including our disbelief) to accomplish His purposes. How does God use His people's ignorance to fulfill His promise? How does His sovereignty give us comfort? How are you submitting to His lordship today? Be specific. **PRAY** "Risen Lord, thank You for conquering death. Enable us to joyfully submit to Your holy rule and reign over all things!"

## **Sunday Evening**

**Young Adults' Fellowship** at **6:00** tonight in the FCCW library.

## **Monday**

**READ Acts 13:26-43; Psalm 2:9-13; 16:10; Isaiah 55:1-5.** DISCUSS, How does God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promised redemption comfort and encourage us? How can you comfort others with this truth today? **PRAY**, "Jesus, You are the King of History. You orchestrate all things to bring glory to Your name and the salvation of Your people. Teach us to trust in You!"

## **Tuesday**

**READ Acts 13:26-43; Isaiah 55:1-5; Habakkuk 1:5.** DISCUSS, How is God's faithful love for David demonstrated in Christ? How does that help you understand His lovingkindness for you? **PRAY**, "Jesus, thank You for Your faithful love for us as Your people. We love You and thank You for Your fidelity to us always"

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 13:26-43; Rom 1:1-7; 2Cor 13:1-4.** DISCUSS, What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make? How does it validate Jesus' identity as King? How does it give us power to follow Him? How are you operating in that power? PRAY, "Lord Jesus, we thank You for conquering death for us."

### Thursday

READ **Acts 13:26-43; 2Cor 13:1-4; Eph 1:15-23.** DISCUSS, What is the result of God raising Christ from the dead and seating Him on His throne? How does that give you comfort? How does it call you to greater obedience of our King? PRAY, "Jesus, You are our King. Teach us to obey You absolutely with great joy."

### Friday

READ **Acts 13:26-43; Romans 1:1-7; First Corinthians 2:1-13.** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if by God's grace you are able to praise the King! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both live-stream & in-person services are available.*

READ **Acts 13:1-52.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for either the *live-stream or in-person service.* Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

## Habakkuk 1:5

"Look among the nations, and see;  
wonder and be astounded.  
For I am doing a work in your days  
that you would not believe if told.

## Psalms 16:10

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.