

JESUS' RESURRECTION IS THE FOUNDATIONAL REALITY OF ACTS

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INTRODUCTION

1. New series: topical, thematic studies in Acts. Intended to be compatible w/ PM series in Revelation. 1T 4:13-14 *make progress* [2T 4:1-2].

1st: Jesus' Resurrection Includes a Number of Redemptive Events

1. "Redemptive History" - historical events reveal grace: God's acts & words.
 - i. Exodus [OCov] - involved a complex of events: an entire story.
 - ii. So too "Jesus' Resurrection" - gospel narrative & interpretation.
2. Two different historical stories concerning the same Savior/salvation. Faith's reception of Christ in types/promises & in anti-type/fulfillment. Same salvation - different form of revelation.
3. Jesus' resurrection incorporates OT prophesies & categories now fulfilled in Jesus - HS, apostolic witness [Scripture]. OT prophesies Jesus; gospels present Jesus; Acts record acts of Jesus [HS]; epistles explain Jesus & revelation foretells His return & eternal glory. Acts emphasizes:
 - i. Jesus' ascension to throne to form NCov churches
 - ii. The gift of the Holy Spirit of the enthroned Jesus
 - iii. Apostolic proclamation of the gospel
 - iv. Gather the elect from all nations to form NCov churches
 - v. Church's worship & witness in hostile settings

2nd: Jesus' Resurrection Moves Redemptive History into the New Cov Era

1. Acts pivots on the resurrected Jesus as fulfillment of OCov to foundation of NCov - records unique, unrepeatable, foundational events.
2. What does resurrected Jesus tell us to do?
 - i. Lk 24:44-48 geographic structure to Acts
 - ii. Mat 28:18-20 blueprint followed by apostles in Acts.
3. Rm 1:1-7 & 16:25-27 preach OT re: NCov revelation in Jesus
 - i. Apostolic preaching
 - ii. Apostolic tradition
 - iii. Apostle's epistles

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iv. "Rule of Faith" - nascent confessional doctrines

3rd: The Resurrected Jesus is the Foundation of the NCov People of God

1. Foundation for NCov community: Eph 2:19-22 NCov temple: Eph 4:11-12
2. Apostles unique place & function - 2C 12:12
3. Hb 1:1-2; 2:1-4 revelatory words confirmed w/ miraculous signs

Applic #1: We Need to Discern What is Foundational & What is Structural

1. What is unrepeatable & what is normative? What from Acts pertains to the church in our day? 2 extremes: 1] everything in Acts - Charismatics; 2] nothing in Acts - Pragmatists.
2. Foundational material is not used for walls & roof.
3. A 4:23-37 discern what is unique to Jeru ch & what is relevant to us
 - i. anchored in OT Script; situate selves in redemptive history; Apostles: 1] preach [v29, 33]. 2] administer benevolence
 - ii. Relevant lessons: Scripture; church defined by resurrected Jesus & gift of HS; form community of gospel love & truth.
4. Universal & local church - built on fndtn of Christ - 1C 3:10-13.
5. All we are & do is defined & determined by the reality of Jesus, our resurrected Lord.