

THE NECESSITY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

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INTRODUCTION

1. "What is Acts all about?" Varied answers. Resurrection of Jesus is the foundational reality that brings us into the time of the NCov. The resurrection of Jesus affects heaven & earth.

1st: The Sovereign Lord

1. All that is, is b/c YHWH is. cf. Isa 40-45. Isa 45:20-25 themes seen in Acts - v23 cited in Phil 2:10 *confess Jesus Christ is Lord*
 - i. The individual Servant of the Lord necessarily accomplishes His mission for & w/ God's corporate servant "eschatological Israel".
 - ii. Necessity is necessitated by the sovereignty of God.
2. This God reveals Himself: works & words - *In Him we live & move & have our being* [A 17:28]. He has purposed that we confess Him as Lord.

2nd: The Necessity of Jesus' Resurrection in the Gospel of Luke

01. Lk 9:22 - Jesus is *the Christ* [v20]; Son of Man - impending death/res. Ministry, transfiguration [*exodus* v31] - heading to His *ascension* [v51].
 - i. Lk 18:31-34 necessarily fulfill Scripture = OT.
 - ii. Lk 20:34-44 - *the resurrection* [v36]; fulfill Ps 110 [A2] - David calls the resurrected Jesus his "Lord".
 - iii. Lk 22:22 *determined* = God's sovereignty - A17:26, 31. Creation - providence - coming judgment - res of the dead: all *determined* by God
2. Lk 22:67-60 conflates Dan 7:13 & Ps 110 - *now*: "is sitting." [KJV]
 - i. Jesus' death are integrally joined to resurrection - necessarily.
 - ii. They crucified *the Lord of glory* [1C 2:7-8] before He entered glory!
 - iii. We have our identity in Him & treated as He was treated [Jn 15:17-21]
3. Lk 24:5b-8 *Son of Man must be crucified & rise*. Divine necessity.
4. Lk 24:25-27 note how divine necessity is revealed: Scripture.
5. Lk 24:44-48 - v44 *must be fulfilled*; v46 a textual variant: *must suffer*; v48 divine necessity explains apostolic witness to Jesus' resurrection. Divine necessity undergirds Acts.
 - i. necessity of baptism & work of HS
 - ii. necessity of apostolic witness = NT Script

3rd: The Necessity of Jesus' Resurrection in Acts

1. The verb *it is necessary*. Necessity by God's purpose & by God's precepts [commands what *must be* done by men]
2. What had to happen, happened [crucified *the Prince of life* - but God raised Him] now hearers should [must] repent & trust Him - A 3:14-21

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- i. All events of Jesus' 1st coming were necessary; *heaven must receive* Him until His 2nd coming - wh/ is necessary to restore creation & elevate cosmos into Sabbath glory.
 3. A 17:2-3 summary of Paul in synagogues: use OT to explain the historical Jesus as the prophesied Christ who must die & resurrect in glory.

Applic #1: The Resurrection of Jesus is the Reality of Biblical Religion

1. Jesus suffering & resurrection connects Luke & Acts & is the essential message of the OT & NT.
2. Jesus' suffering & res is the good news explained & applied in the epistles by Jesus' commissioned apostles - A 1:3 & 28:31 [*the kingdom of God*]

Applic #2: Acts Informs Our Understanding & Practice of Religion of Resurrection

1. Acts informs us of Jesus who builds His church. Much is foundational yet determinative for the entire Church-Age until *the restoration*.
2. Acts tells us of the religion of the resurrection - the Lord Jesus is the crux of our doctrine & practice. All **necessary** b/c Jesus is risen; Jesus is Lord.
3. May the HS lead us into deeper, more vital communion w/ our risen Lord!