

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series

Acts of the Apostles

"Eyewitness Events "

Acts 13:26-41

[26] "Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. [27] For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. [28] And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. [29] Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. [30] But God raised Him from the dead. [31] He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. [32] And we declare to you glad tidings-that promise which was made to the fathers. [33] God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' [34] And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' [35] Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' [36] "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; [37] but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. [38] Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; [39] and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. [40] Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: [41] 'Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.'"

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the Old Testament help Paul preach the gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. What's the difference between the Mosaic Covenant and the New Covenant?
3. In vv.29 it refers to the cross as a tree.
 - a. Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23. What is the significance of being hung on a tree?
 - b. How does Galatians 3:13 relate to Deuteronomy 21:22-23?
4. In vv.30 it begins with "But God", what did man try to do, and how did God respond?
5. In these verses Paul listed actual events, not theology or philosophy. List these significant eyewitness events which took place.
 - a. How do these verses help you to defend your faith in Jesus?
 - b. How does this contradict the evolutionist beliefs? Why may people believe this theory?
 - c. Is there any scientific proof for the evolutionist theory (eyewitnesses to testify and justify their beliefs) or are they relying on blind faith?
6. What is the promise and the warning in vv.38-41? How do you receive this promise and warning?