

## 10—The Resurrection in the Teaching of the Early Church

### Acts

1. We have well-established the importance and facticity of the resurrection. Yet, how important was it to the early church? Did they focus on this miracle more than the other great miracles of Jesus? As we teach unbelievers, in imitation of the first-century church, should the resurrection play a major role in our teaching and preaching?
2. Who is being addressed in Peter's sermon in Acts 2 (see Acts 2:5, 22)? What is the major focus of his sermon in Acts 2:22-32?
3. After Peter and John heal the lame man in Jerusalem, what is the focus of their message to the gathering crowd in Acts 3:12-15?
4. When the Jewish council threatens to silence Peter, what is his main argument for why he cannot just be quiet about Jesus (Acts 4:8-12; 5:27-31)?
5. What was the main message of the apostles according to Acts 4:32-33 and how effective was it?
6. At what point did Saul begin preaching the message of Jesus (Acts 9:19-20; cp. 22:12-15)?

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7. When the Gentiles are first taught by Peter in Acts 10:36-42, what are they initially taught?
  
8. Paul goes to Antioch and preaches to the Gentiles there. What are the key points of his message found in Acts 13:23, 28-37?
  
9. Paul also has the opportunity to preach in the “marketplace” at Athens to skeptics and philosophers. What subject does he choose to speak about in order to convince them (Acts 17:16-18, 31-32)?
  
10. Why did Paul feel as though he was being unjustly attacked by the Jews and put on trial (see Acts 23:6; 24:14-15, 20-21; 26:6-8, 22-23)?
  
11. The book of Acts concludes as Paul is confined to prison on his way to possible death. What was it that gave Paul “confidence” despite these possible consequences (see Acts 28:23, 31)?
  
12. If the book of Acts is not enough evidence, notice the many references to the resurrection in these additional passages on your own time...
  - Romans 1:1-4; 4:23-25; 6:3-5, 8-9; 7:4; 8:11; 10:9; 14:9
  - 1 Corinthians 1:23; 6:14; 15:3-5
  - 2 Corinthians 1:9; 4:11,14; 13:4
  - Galatians 1:12,16
  - Ephesians 1:13-14, 19-21
  - Philippians 2:5-11; 3:8-10
  - Colossians 1:18; 2:11-12
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 4:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
  - 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:8-11
  - Hebrews 2:9-10; 5:7-9; 10:12; 12:2; 13:20
  - 1 Peter 1:3, 19-21; 3:18, 21-22
  - 1 John 1:1-2; 5:20
  - Revelation 1:4-5