

Acts 2:22-24

"God's Sovereignty in Jesus' Death & Resurrection"

Intro: Two great truths to consider on this Easter Sunday

-The sovereignty of God and the resurrection of Jesus: Two great truths to focus on in light of all that has transpired in the last year.

-The resurrection of Jesus Christ: Should fuel our faith in a most powerful way.

* We must recognize the sovereign and _____ of God that led to the Savior's _____ and _____.

-*"Men of Israel"*: A reminder that Peter was speaking to those who knew the word of God and were familiar with the promises of God.

-A great proof for the natural man's total depravity and total inability: Found in the rejection of Jesus Christ by those who witnessed His 'mighty works, wonders, and signs.'

-An astonishing truth to consider: God was sovereign over the rejection of Jesus that led to His crucifixion and death.

-Verse 23: Highlights both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man for his actions.

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-*'Foreknowledge'* in Scripture: Oftentimes synonymous with being chosen by God.

-A reminder from our passage: The cross-work of Jesus Christ was the expression of the mind of God the Father.

-The priests and the Pharisees: Understood that Jesus had spoken of His being raised from death.

-The resurrection of Jesus Christ: Authenticates all of Jesus' truth claims.

-Personal Application: