

- (29) "Brethren" - related by Jewish ethnicity.
 (36) "house of Israel"
 (37) "they" were pierced to the heart and they asked
 "Brethren" what should we do?

The very first sermon in the church age sermon is the
 greatest illustration of _____ in the entire bible.

Discussion Guide

1. Explain in your own words why God worked, miracles, wonders, and signs through Jesus.
2. What are the three elements of the supernatural and what does each one contribute, and what do they point to?
3. What do "predetermined plan" and "foreknowledge" mean?
4. What is the Granville Sharp Rule and why is it important in our passage?
5. What was the most important truth you learned from today's sermon and why?

ANSWERS: life, miracles, wonders, signs, Spiritual truths, death, certainty, side-by-side, grace



Series: Power From On High.
Title: Why Jesus is Worthy of Trust. Part 1

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Lesson: 13

Peter's invitation

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Four compelling truths that prove Jesus is the Messiah

1. Evidence of His life - (22)
2. Evidence of His death - 23
3. Evidence of His resurrection - 24-32
4. Evidence of His exaltation - 33-36

1. Evidence of His _____

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

"listen"

"Men of Israel" - [anar]

"Jesus the Nazarene"

1. It was the Name by which our Lord was commonly known during His earthly ministry

2. It was also the name the Jews used to mock and ridicule Him.

John 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

"attested" - [apodeiknumi] -

1 Cor. 4:9 "exhibited"

Acts 25:7 "offering proof"

2 Thess. 2:4 "exalts"

So how did God accomplish that?

_____ - Miracles are uncommon, unexpected, supernatural acts of God through which He bears witness to Himself.

_____ - Wonders describe the response to miracles.

Miracles create marveling and amazement.

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Did the Jews actually crucify Christ?

How did God fulfill His decreed plan?

"by the hands of godless men"

"godless" - [anomos] - 2 Thess. 2:8

Who killed Jesus?

God's sovereignty and man's responsibility lay

_____ .
Luke 22:22 "For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been **determined**; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

"but woe"

Implication

Who is Peter preaching to?

(5-11) "devout Jews" - (14) "Men of Judea"
(17-21) Joel's prophecy was originally to the Jews.
(22) "Men of Israel" - Peter blamed them for this sin.

Those verbs are called **Prophetic Perfects**.

Prophecies are so certain to occur that they are stated as if they have already taken place.

Granville Sharp Rule

THE predetermined plan **AND** foreknowledge of God,

When two nouns are joined by the word “**and**” and the first noun has the definite article “**the**” before it and the second does not, both nouns refer to the same thing.

The predetermined plan and foreknowledge work together to guarantee the cross.

*Romans 8:29–30 For those whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;*

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

These realities are so certain that they are written as if they have already been complete.

Jesus was foreknown

*1 Peter 1:20 For He was **foreknown** before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you*

_____ - Signs have to do with the intention of miracles.

Miracles → Marveling → Signs → _____

“**know**” - Perfect tense - They knew it in the past and they still know it at the time Peter confronts them.

So what does that tell us?

Not only were they rejecting Jesus but they were also rejecting the Father.

Acts 2:22–42 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you **by God** with miracles and wonders and signs **which God performed through Him** in your midst, just as you yourselves know

Jesus was being confirmed “by God” by miracles, wonders, and signs “which God performed through Him”

God the Father is behind everything

- (23) God delivered Jesus over to death
- (24) God raised Him up again
- (30) God swore on an oath to David
- (32) again states that God raised Him up
- (33) He was exalted to the right hand of God
- (36) God has made Him both Lord / Christ

2. Evidence of His _____

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

“**delivered over**” [ekdotos] - to give over to one's enemies or to the power and will of another

John 19:11, John 10:17-15

“**predetermined**” [horizo] - Horizon - to mark off or delineate or to map something out

*Acts 4:27-28 “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose **predestined** to occur.*

Salvation of the elect was prearranged.

*2 Timothy 1:8-9 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus **from all eternity**,*

Those who won't believe was determined in eternity past.

*Revelation 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the **foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.*

“**foreknowledge**” [prognosis]

Foreknowledge has a much greater meaning than to have foresight.

Foreknowledge means to “foreordain”

For God to know something beforehand makes

it a _____.

God's omniscience cannot be separated from His sovereignty.

What about Old Testament prophecies?

*Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He **carried**; Yet we ourselves **esteemed** Him stricken, Smitten of God, and **afflicted**. 5 But He was **pierced** through for our transgressions, He was **crushed** for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.*

The verbs are translated into the past tense.