

ACTS 13:32–41

“We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

“‘You are my son;
today I have become your father.’

34 God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

“‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’

35 So it is also stated elsewhere:

“‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’

36 “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. 37 But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

38 “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. 40 Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

41 “‘Look, you scoffers,
wonder and perish,
for I am going to do something in your days
that you would never believe,
even if someone told you.’

SERMON REFLECTIONS

- In your own words state what the “Good News” is that we are called to multiply.
- In Ephesians 3:6 Paul tells the church about “the mystery” that is revealed and comes through the gospel and the promise all can share in. What is the mystery revealed? What is the promise we can all share in by faith?
- How does it help you to know that God’s promised Messiah is not a myth or false hope but that His Messiah has already come? (Acts 13:23)
- Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to the message of Good News to which we are witnesses? How are we witnesses to the resurrection today?
- In James 2:14–26, the apostle draws the connection between faith and deeds (works). The Bible is clear that salvation is by faith alone apart from works (Romans 4:4–5). But if you have no works, your faith is dead. How do faith and works multiply the message of Good News in a true follower of Jesus?

ACTS 13:26

“Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.”