



87. The Opening Door

Peter proclaimed, "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses," Acts 2:29-32.

Peter declared that the resurrection of Jesus fulfilled David's prophetic words from ~1000 BC. Jesus died on the cross and was buried. But His body did not decay. He was resurrected as David had predicted.

The resurrected Jesus said to His disciples, “*See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have,*” Luke 24:39. And Jesus ate some fish that He had cooked over an open fire, Luke 24:42-43. His resurrection was spiritual ... but also physical.

Grasp the significance of His resurrection. “*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins,*” 1 Corinthians 15:17. His resurrection is central to your salvation. His resurrection was central in Peter and Paul's witnessing. Is it emphasized in your witnessing? His resurrection is testimony of the fact that those who believe in Him will also be resurrected. Life doesn't end at the grave. Death is an opening door ... not a closing door. Tell your friends and family that death has lost its sting. Tell them that they can have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ because of the Resurrection.

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