

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Acts 2:22–36

“The Risen Christ Enthroned”

Preaching Date: April 5, 2026

## **Opening Prayer**

Ask God to give us reverent hearts under His Word. Ask Him to show us Christ as He is truly revealed in this passage: the attested Son, the crucified Savior, the risen Messiah, and the exalted Lord who now reigns at the right hand of God.

## **Recap**

In Acts 2:22–36, Peter preaches the first recorded Easter sermon after the pouring out of the Spirit at Pentecost. He begins with Jesus of Nazareth as a real man in history, publicly attested by God through miracles, wonders, and signs. He then declares that Christ’s death took place according to the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, even while those who crucified Him remained fully guilty. God raised Jesus from the dead because death could not hold the Holy One. Peter concludes that, “God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” This passage teaches us that Easter is more than the announcement that Jesus lives. Easter is the public declaration that Jesus reigns.

## **Understanding the Text**

1. Why does Peter begin with Jesus as “a man attested to you by God,” and what do the miracles, wonders, and signs reveal about who Jesus is?
2. How does verse 23 hold together both God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility in the death of Christ?
3. What does Peter mean when he says that it was impossible for death to hold Jesus?
4. Why does Peter appeal to Psalm 16, and how does he show that David was speaking ultimately of the resurrection of Christ rather than of himself?
5. Why is the eyewitness testimony of the apostles so important in verse 32?
6. How does verse 33 connect the resurrection, ascension, Pentecost, and the present reign of Christ?
7. What does Peter mean in verse 36 when he says that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, and why does that demand a response from every hearer?

## **Personal Reflection & Application**

1. Are you treating Jesus as someone to admire, or have you truly repented and entrusted yourself to Him as Lord and Christ?
2. Where are you tempted to forget that Christ is reigning now, and how does this passage strengthen faith in the midst of fear, suffering, or discouragement?
3. How does the resurrection of Christ strengthen assurance for believers who are troubled by remaining sin and weakness?

4. In what area of your life do you need to live more consciously under the present lordship of Christ rather than under fear of man, love of ease, or worldly thinking?
5. How should this passage shape the way our church worships, proclaims Christ, calls sinners to repentance, and depends on the power of the Holy Spirit?

### **God Has More to Say**

#### **Christ attested, rejected, and delivered up according to the purpose of God**

Isaiah 53:4–10

Luke 24:25–27

Luke 24:44–47

Acts 4:27–28

1 Peter 1:18–21

#### **The resurrection of Christ promised in Scripture and accomplished in history**

Psalms 16:8–11

Acts 13:32–39

Romans 1:1–4

1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Revelation 1:17–18

#### **The exaltation and reign of Christ at the right hand of God**

Psalms 2:7–12

Psalms 110:1–4

Daniel 7:13–14

Ephesians 1:19–23

Philippians 2:8–11

Hebrews 1:3

#### **The enthroned Christ pouring out the Spirit and administering the new covenant**

Joel 2:28–32

John 7:37–39

John 14:16–18

Acts 2:37–39

2 Corinthians 3:4–6

Hebrews 8:6–13

#### **Repentance, faith, and life under the lordship of the risen Christ**

Acts 17:30–31

Romans 10:9–13

Colossians 3:1–4

Titus 2:11–14

Hebrews 12:28–29