

THE DOCTRINE OF THE APOSTLES

TEACHING #1

Acts 2:42

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 5:28

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Acts 2:22-33 (3000 saved)

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 **For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:**

26 **Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:**

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

28 **Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**

❖ Psalms 16:8-11

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

Acts 2:34-35

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

❖ Psalms 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Acts 1:1-11

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

Acts 1:15-26

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.)

19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.)

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 **That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship,** from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and **the lot fell upon Matthias;** and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

TEACHING #2

Acts 3:11-16, 26 Peter Testifies to People after Man Healed at Gate Beautiful

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, **Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this man?** or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Servant Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied before the face of Pilate, when he had determined to release him.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, **whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

26 **Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you,** in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Acts 4:1-13 Peter Testifies to Chief Priest and Chief Religious Leaders

1 And as they spake unto the people, **the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them.**

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which **heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.**

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, **that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;**

6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest.

7 When they had set them in the midst, they asked, by what power or by what name have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, **Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, **that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which **is become the head of the corner.**

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

18 And they called them, and **commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 And they, when **they had further threatened them, let them go,** finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 **For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was wrought.**

Acts 4:29-33

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness,

30 while thy stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of thy holy Servant Jesus.

31 **And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 5:14-32

14 and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of them and women;

15 **insomuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some one of them.**

16 **And there also came together the multitudes from the cities round about Jerusalem, bring sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.**

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy,

18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward.

19 But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said,

20 Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life.

21 And when they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought.

22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told,

23 saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them whereunto this would grow.

25 And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, but without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 6:9, 12

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

Acts 7:51-60 Testimony Before the Council

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers;

53 ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, **being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,**

56 **And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.**

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: **and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.**

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.**

❖ Acts 8:1-2

1 **And Saul was consenting unto his death.** And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 9:1-9

1 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and **suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven:**

4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:

6 but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but beholding no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 **And he was three days without sight,** and did neither eat nor drink.

Acts 26:13-16

13 at midday, O king, **I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me.**

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the goad.**

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.**

16 **But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee;**

❖ Acts 22:20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, **I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.**

TEACHING #3

Acts 10:37-45 Outpouring upon the Gentiles at House of Cornelius the Centurion

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 **Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;**

41 **Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.**

42 **And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.**

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 **While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.**

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:28-37 Paul Preaches at Antioch

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 **But God raised him from the dead:**

31 And **he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.**

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

34 **And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.**

35 **Wherefore he saith also in another psalm (Ps 16:10), Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 **But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.**

❖ Psalms 2:6-8

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

❖ Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven **one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,** and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Acts 17:1-6 Paul's message at Thessalonica

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, **they came to Thessalonica**, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 **Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.**

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the **devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.**

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, **These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;**

Acts 17:16-32 Paul's message on Mars Hill at Athens

16 **Now while Paul waited for them at Athens**, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: **because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.**

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, **May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?**

20 thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.)

22 And **Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus**, and said, Ye men of Athens, in all things, I perceive that ye are very religious.

23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you.

24 The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us:

28 **For in him we live, and move, and have our being;** as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness **by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

32 And **when they heard of the resurrection of the dead**, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

TEACHING #4

Acts 22:1, 6-23 Paul's Gives His Defense to Hostile Crowd in Jerusalem (Acts 21:26-32)

1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, **suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.**

7 And I fell unto the ground, and **heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And **he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

Acts 22:30 Paul Reciting Testimony to Council at Jerusalem

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Acts 23:1, 6-8

1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, **he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.**

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

Acts 23: 10-17, 22-24, 33-35

10 And **when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them,** commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following **the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**

12 And when it was day, **certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.**

13 And **they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.**

14 And **they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.**

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, **Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;**

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto **Felix the governor.**

33 Who, **when they came to Caesarea,** and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

35 **I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come.** And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

Acts 24:1-10 Paul's Testimony in Caesarea before the Roman Governor Felix

1 **And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders,** and with a certain orator named **Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.**

2 And when he was called forth, **Tertullus began to accuse him,** saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I entreat thee to hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 **For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:**

6 **Who also hath gone about to profane the temple:** whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

7 But the **chief captain Lysias** came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

8 commanding his accusers to come before thee. from whom thou wilt be able, by examining him thyself, to take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, **I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:**

Acts 24: 13-21 , 24-26

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this **I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers**, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And **have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 **Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.**

24 And after certain days, **when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.**

25 And **as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time;** when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: **wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.**

TEACHING #5

Acts 24:27

27 But **after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room:** and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

Acts 25:1-7

1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

2 Then **the high priest and the chief of the Jews** informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, **that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.**

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, **the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.**

Acts 25:12-15 Roman Governor Festus Testimony of Paul to King Agrippa (2 Yrs after Felix)

12 **Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council,** answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

13 And after certain days **king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.**

14 And when they had been there many days, **Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king**, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him. (2 yrs later, still want to destroy Paul)

Acts 25:18-24 Roman Governor Festus Testimony of Paul to King Agrippa (2 Yrs after Felix)

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, **they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:**

19 **But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.**

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.

22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 And on the morrow, **when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.**

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, **crying that he ought not to live any longer.**

Acts 26:1-8 Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa

1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, **because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:**

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straightest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 **And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:**

7 **Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.**

8 **Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?**

❖ **Acts 26:6-8 AMP**

6 And now I stand here on trial [to be judged on the ground] of the hope of that promise made to our forefathers by God, [Acts 13:32, 33.]

7 **Which hope [of the Messiah and the resurrection]** our twelve tribes confidently expect to realize as they fervently worship [without ceasing] night and day. And for that hope, O king, I am accused by Jews and considered a criminal!

8 Why is it thought incredible by any of you **that God raises the dead?**

Acts 26:12-16

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 **At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.**

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.**

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: **for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

Acts 26:21-23, 27-29

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, **I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 **That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead,** and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

BOOK OF CORINTHIANS I & II - PAUL'S DEFENSE AND CONFIRMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

2 Corinthians 13:3

3 **Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me,** which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

1 Corinthians 9:1

1 **Am I not an apostle?** am I not free? **have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?...**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;**

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

5 And that **he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:**

6 After that, **he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;** of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, **he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.**

8 **And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.**

❖ **Galatians 1:19** But other of **the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.**

1 Corinthians 15:12-21

12 Now **if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead,** how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 **And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain,** and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and **we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ:** whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 **But now is Christ risen from the dead,** and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

GOSPEL OF DEMONSTRATION SCRIPTURES

Acts 4:33

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 4:18-20

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

2 Corinthians 12:12

12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Romans 15:18-19

For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.