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OF THE APOSTLES



## *Today's Scripture Reading*

*Acts 2:22-36*



<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,



*“I saw the Lord always before me,  
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*<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue  
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*my flesh also will dwell in hope.*

*<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
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*29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,*



*he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,*

*“The Lord said to my Lord,*

*“Sit at my right hand,*

*<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”*

*<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*



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The image features a central graphic of a flame in shades of orange and red, with a dark brown shadow behind it. The flame is positioned to the left of the word 'ACTS', which is rendered in a large, bold, orange, sans-serif font. Above 'ACTS' is the word 'The' in a smaller, white, cursive font. Below 'ACTS' is the phrase 'OF THE APOSTLES' in a white, all-caps, serif font. The background is a dark, textured brown with stylized, wavy, light brown shapes that resemble flames or smoke, creating a layered, atmospheric effect.



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1 CORINTHIANS 4:9

*9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men*



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**ACTS 25:7**

*7 When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove.*



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**His death validates – rather than challenges – his worth**



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Notice the **Contrast**



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### V. He affirms Jesus' as the Giver of the Holy Spirit

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V. He makes a declaration: **choose a side!**

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What Do You say about Jesus?

Savior?

Lord?

**or Both?**



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