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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-36



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- ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'



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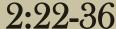
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1 CORINTHIANS 4:9

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,



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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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ACTS 2:25-35

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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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