

# Acts 2.22-33 - What They Knew To Be True

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## Introduction:

One effective teaching method is to point out what people know to be true and then build upon those accepted facts.

### I) Bible Examples

#### A) Paul Defending Himself before the elders at Ephesus, *Acts 20.34*

1. Goes on to point out how he had worked at Ephesus and tirelessly preached the word of God.
2. He ended with “it is more blessed to give than receive”  
*Acts 20.35*

#### B) Paul at Thessalonica, *1 Thessalonians 2.1*.

1. They knew perfectly well the reception Paul had at Thessalonica, see *Acts 17*.
2. Great turmoil and danger, but the Gospel was preached and had its effect.

#### C) Concerning the Second Coming of Christ, *1 Thessalonians 5.2*

1. They were apparently aware of His second coming but also its uncertain timing.
2. Therefore, Paul encourages them to be ready, be sober minded.

## II) **Acts 2.22-24** What Did They Know?

### A) The miracles, wonders, and signs performed by Jesus, **v. 22**

1. Did Jesus really perform the miracles recorded in the Bible?
  - a. Did he walk on water?
  - b. Did he feed 5,000 people with a few loaves of bread and a few fish?
  - c. Did he heal and blind, the lame, and the sick?
  - d. Did he really raise the dead?
2. Peter says they knew He had done these things. How?
3. Jesus taught publicly, **John 18.20**
  - a. Even his critics acknowledge the miracles, **Matthew 12.22-23**
  - b. Jesus pointed out the source of those miracles had to be God. **Matthew 12.25-28.**
4. Luke's writings, Gospel of Luke and Acts, based on what he saw and heard, **Luke 1.1-4.**

### B) The Scriptures and the Foreknowledge of God, **v. 23a**

1. The scriptures pointed toward the coming of the Messiah, **John 4.25; Matthew 11.2-3, Ephesians 1.10.**
2. The Scriptures foretold of the Jews delivering Jesus to be crucified.

- a. The suffering Savior, ***Isaiah 53***
- b. Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, ***Zechariah 11.12***
- c. Death of Jesus, ***Psalm 22.14-18***

**D) The resurrection, v. 24**

1. Jesus' life, death, burial cannot be denied.
2. The key was and always will be His resurrection. If the resurrection is true then everything else is true, if the resurrection is false then everything else is based on a lie.
3. What happened to the body?
  - a. We have testimony to the empty tomb, ***John 20.6-9***
  - b. We have eyewitness accounts of seeing Jesus after His resurrection. They knew of those accounts.

**III) What David Knew, *Acts 2.25-33***

**A) His Lord being at the right hand of God, v. 25**

1. Right hand was a place of dignity, access, and power, ***v. 32,33***
2. David said the Messiah is in God's presence in heaven, ***Ephesians 1.20.***
3. ***Hebrews 9.24*** He is in the presence of God for our benefit.

**B) The confidence and trust Jesus had in the Father, v. 26**

1. His heart was glad, **Hebrew 12.2**.
2. David was speaking of the Christ, **v. 27**
  - a. Not himself, **v. 29-31**
  - b. Jesus was in the grave three days, hades is the realm of the dead.
3. What did God promise David? **2 Samuel 7.12-16**.

**E) The restoration of life, 28.**

1. They saw they evidence of the resurrection, **v. 32**
2. The events on the Day of Pentecost
  - a. They heard the sound of the rushing mighty wind
  - b. They saw the tongues of fire
  - c. They heard the various languages being spoken by the 12 Apostles.

**F) Christ at the right hand of God now, Acts 2.36**

1. As King, Jesus has all authority.
2. The promise goes back to **2 Samuel 7.12-16**.
3. Connected all the way back to **Genesis 12.3**. The promise of salvation.

**G) They also knew what to do to be saved, Acts 2.38**

1. They did not know this before hand but they now had

knowledge of all these things.

**Conclusion:**

The Apostles knew these things to be true. The Jews knew these things to be true. No one refuted what was preached on the Day of Pentecost. If these things were true 2,000 years ago, they are true today. Jesus said you will know the truth and it will make you free, ***John 8.32***