

## The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord

### The Lord Who Was Crucified

Acts 2:22-24

1. **His \_\_\_\_\_** (v.22a)  
Jesus life story was rather well known and He was easily identifiable, if not universally recognizable (Mark 14:44), during His life. Though born in Bethlehem (Matt 2:1), He was known to be from the town of Nazareth (Matt 21:11; Mark 1:24; Luke 2:39, 51; 4:16) which was a place not well esteemed by the rest of the nation or even other Galileans (John 1:45-46; cf. John 21:2). The people knew the identity of His parents (John 6:42), His siblings (Matt 13:55), His family's occupation (Matt 13:55; Mark. 6:3) and the scandalous gossip associated with His birth (John 8:41). It is however, at the name of this same Jesus that every person will eventually bow his or her knee in submission to (Phil 2:10).
2. **His \_\_\_\_\_** (v.22b)  
The mighty deeds of God that were present in the life and ministry of Jesus were evident to everyone in the nation during His life (cf. Luke 23:8). He healed individuals with no crowd to see (John 4:46). He knew the intimate details of the lives of individuals with whom He came in contact (John 1:48; 4:16-18, 29). He displayed power over the natural world (Matt 8:23). He performed many powerful miracles of healing in the sight of scores of witnesses (Luke 5:18). He performed several mighty acts which hundreds and thousands of people benefitted from at the same time (John 2:1ff; John 6:;11; Matt 15:32ff). He displayed power to raise the dead (Luke 8:40ff; John 11ff).
3. **His \_\_\_\_\_** (vs.22c-23a)  
Jewish theologians and teachers understood that Jesus must have a divine commission (John 3:1-2) to perform the wonders that He did. Their unwillingness to believe what God had already displayed in the life of Jesus (cf. Luke 5:20-26) as well as their refusal to believe what God had said about Him in the Scriptures (cf. Luke 16:31) left them attempting to explain away the significance of His ministry (Matt 9:34). Their unbelief was marked by asking disingenuous questions while being unwilling to believe simple truth (Matt 12:38; cf. Luke 20:2ff). The Jews, and their leaders, knew (or were responsible to have known) who they were conspiring against whereas the gentile leaders did not (cf. 1 Cor. 2:8).

4. **His \_\_\_\_\_** (v.23a)  
God's plan from before the foundation of the world (cf. 1 Cor. 2:7) was that the Son would be the lamb who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Jesus knew this and was intent on accomplishing this task when it was the right time (Luke 9:51; cf. Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33). The Lord had foreshadowed this in the Law (Gen 22:8), revealed it to the kings of Judah (Isa. 52:13-53:12), and placed on the calendar while the nation was in exile (Dan. 9:24-26).
5. **His \_\_\_\_\_** (v.23b)  
The bitter political, ideological, and theological enemies of Jesus' day partnered together in order to put their common enemy to death (Matt 22:15, 16; John 11:47-53; cf. Acts 5:17). The people who should have loved Him instead sold Him for the price of a slave (Matt 27:3; cf. Ex. 21:32). The people who should have recognized Him as their king instead professed fealty to a pagan and wicked foreign ruler (John 19:14-15). The people who should have welcomed Him instead wielded the weapon of their pagan enemies to put Him to death (cf. 2 Sam 12:9).