

"Risen and Reigning"

Acts 17:1-9

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I. It's All About Jesus. Acts 17:1-3

All of _____ is about Jesus. **Acts 8:35, Luke 24:27**

- God always had a plan of _____ in mind. **Genesis 3:15**

II. Why was it Necessary? Acts 17:3-4

To suffer?

1. We are _____. **Romans 3:23, Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 3:18**
2. We need a _____. **Romans 6:23**
3. There was no other way. **Galatians 2:21**
4. It was _____.

To rise?

1. Defeated sin, death and _____. **1 Corinthians 15:55-57, Hebrews 2:14**
2. Once for all. **Hebrews 7:22**
3. It was _____. **Jonah 1:17, Psalm 16:10, Psalm 110:1**
4. Proving He is God.

Ultimately, it was necessary because of God's _____.

- "Christianity is in its very essence a _____ religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart." – John Stott

III. Turned the World Upside Down. Acts 17:5-6

Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

- Jesus wants to turn your world _____.
- Jesus' life, death and _____ changed everything.

IV. He is King. Acts 17:7-9

He is risen and _____. **Hebrews 1:2**

- The right hand is the place of authority, honor and _____. He is seated on the throne where He rules as sovereign Lord.
- *This depicts a victorious Savior, not a defeated _____.* – John MacArthur

He first came as the Suffering Servant, but He will return as a

_____ King. **Revelation 19:16**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 17:1-4**. Why do you think Paul chose to use the Old Testament scriptures in his attempt to reason with members of the synagogues?
2. How do the passages mentioned in the sermon as possible references from the Old Testament point to God's plan of salvation all along? **Genesis 3:15, Genesis 22, Psalm 16, Psalm 22, Psalm 110, Isaiah 53**
3. Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer on our behalf? Why couldn't He have come and reigned as God without having to die for us? What does it mean that it was a divine necessity?
4. What does it mean for Christianity to be a "resurrection religion"? How is Christianity impacted by the resurrection of Jesus? **1 Corinthians 15:1-28**
5. Read **Acts 14:5-9**. Why did the Jews claim that Paul and Silas had "turned the world upside down" in their complaints against them? How does the death and resurrection of Jesus turn our world upside down?
6. Why is it important that Jesus was proclaimed as King? What does it mean for Jesus to be king in your life?