



GOD SENT HIS SON

John 3:16-18

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Good morning church! Happy Easter to you all. Peter's message to the Jews in Jerusalem was to identify who Jesus really was. This morning, I want share this same message with you:

*"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— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it." **Acts 2:22-24***

The Jews were "cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do? And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **Acts 2:37-39**

Peter also preached to the Gentiles of the Roman community in **Acts 10:36-43** saying,

"You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

In the 4th Gospel, John records this secret conversation between Jesus and a Pharisee named Nicodemus. They are meeting at night to discuss who Jesus is and if it is time for salvation to come. Typically on being asked a question, Jesus answers in a way that steers the discussion into a deeper thought, which reveals Jesus more fully and our need for him more fully. **Watch Video [The Chosen scene: John 3:16]**

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“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

God Sent His Son to deliver us from our sin and from ourselves. Do you believe? Are you willing to put your faith in Jesus Christ? Will today be the day for you to be reborn and actually start living? ARE YOU FOLLOWING JESUS? He has RISEN! HE has risen indeed!