

# Acts 2.14-41 Good News/Bad News

*Focus: to present Jesus as the exalted Messiah whom we have rejected, yet is our only hope.*

## Resource:

Here is a link to a helpful sermon manuscript by John Piper on our text:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/did-you-kill-the-lord-of-glory>



If you would like to reflect a little on how God's sovereignty and man's responsibility coexist, this article by Ken Boa is a helpful read:

<https://bible.org/article/divine-sovereignty-vs-human-responsibility>

## Discussion:

- Read the entirety of Peter's sermon aloud (verses 14-41). Why do you think Peter used so much Old Testament scripture in his sermon? How does the fulfillment of these ancient prophecies affect you?
- What would you say are the verses that contain the "bad news" in Peter's sermon? And what is the gist of that bad news? By contrast, what is the "good news" in this passage?
- Who does Peter present Jesus to be in this sermon? List all the insights about Christ you can glean from his sermon.
- According to verses 22-24, Jesus was delivered up to be crucified by God's plan yet Peter's audience is held responsible for that act. How do you manage to hold those two ideas together?
- How is it that Peter's audience is charged with crucifying Jesus? What if they weren't actively participating? How does that circle of liability apply to us today?
- How does what takes place in v. 37-41 encourage you? What questions does it raise?
- What can you learn about sharing Christ from Peter's sermon? Spend time praying for those you long to see come to Christ and for the Spirit to empower your witness to them.