

This Jesus

Acts 2:36

Introduction:

- A. Unique to Acts. Seven times in ESV
- B. Not the only one named Jesus in Scripture
 - 1. Jesus is English for Greek Iesous, which is Greek for Ieshua, or Joshua.
 - 2. Joshua, successor of Moses and conqueror of Palestine
 - 3. Joshua, an ancestor of Jesus Christ - Lk 3:29
 - 4. Jesus, surnamed Justus - Col 4:11
- C. It means "YHWH saves"
- D. But This Jesus is God with us - Lk 1:31; Mt 1:21-23
- E. We want to consider "This Jesus" in our next few lessons:

Discussion:

I. He was also a Man - Acts 2:22

A. He was "of Nazareth"

- 1. Not a city of good repute - John 1: 45-46; Lk 4:28-30
- 2. But to fulfill prophecy - Mt 2:23; Mk 14:67

B. He was not rich - Lk 9:58

C. He was not particularly handsome - Isaiah 53:2-4

D. Foolish to discuss how much was He man, or how much was He God

- 1. He was man enough to be tempted in all points like we are, yet without sin - Heb 4:15; 1 Jn 2:16;

Mt 4:1-10

2. He was man enough to suffer

a. Tired, thirsty and hungry at the well - Jn 4:6-8

b. Wept at least twice

1) Over death of Lazarus - John 11:35

2) Over Jerusalem - Lk 19:41

c. Sweat as blood - Lk 22:44

3. Man enough to take a beating - Mt 27:26

4. He was man enough to die - Jn 12:27-28, 32; Mk 15:37; Mt 27:50

a. Foreordained to that purpose - 1 Pet 1:19-20

b. Willingly, purposefully - Heb 12:2

E. The only appropriate response to this fact and the accompanying word is to be "man" enough to willfully, purposefully follow him.

II. He was the Son of God

A. The conundrum of Mt 22:41-46

B. Promise to Mary, fulfillment of Isa 7:14; Lk 1:30-35

C. Testimony of John the baptizer - Jn 1:34

D. Testimony of Satan - Mt 4:3, 6

E. Testimony of demons and unclean spirits - Mt 8:29, and many more

F. Jews understood that to mean he was God - Jn 10:33

G. Testimony of resurrection - Rom 1:4