

## SERMON OUTLINE

April 10, 2022

### “The Crises of the Christ - His Descent”

Acts 2:22-36

#### I. THE REALITY OF THE DESCENT

- A. Matthew 12:40, “For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”
- B. Acts 2:27,31, “Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption...He seeing this before sake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption”
- C. Romans 10:7, “who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead)”
- D. “Sheol” is an Old Testament Hebrew word that is translated “hell”
  1. Psalm 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God”
  2. Psalm 16:10, “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption”
  3. Psalm 139:8, “If I ascend up to heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there”
  4. Jonah 2:2, “I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice”
- E. “Hades” is a New Testament Greek word translated “hell”
  1. Matthew 16:18, “And I say unto thee thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”
  2. Luke 16:23, “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom”
- F. “Gehenna” is a New Testament Greek word translated “hell”
  1. Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”
  2. Matthew 18:9, “And if thy eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire”

G. "Tartarus" is a New Testament Greek word translated "hell"

1. 2 Peter 2:4, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement"

## II. THE REASON FOR THE DESCENT

A. To preach judgement to the unrighteousness dead

1. 1 Peter 3:19, "By which he also went and preached unto the spirits in prison"

B. To spoil principalities and powers

1. Colossians 2:14-15, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which is contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it"

C. To proclaim victory to the righteous dead

1. 1 Peter 4:6, "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit"

D. To lead captivity captive

1. Ephesians 4:8-10, "Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"
2. Matthew 27:52-53, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many"

## III. THE RESULTS OF THE DESCENT

A. There is victory in Jesus

1. Isaiah 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces"
2. 1 Corinthians 15:54, "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory"

B. This victory is available to you

1. 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"