



*“David died. Jesus died but death could not hold him. When we talk about the resurrection, how does it make you feel? Does the absurdity of it trouble you? Do you feel like one of our core beliefs is something that you might see printed in the National Enquirer or Weekly World News? How can we believe that this claim that Jesus died and rose from the dead is a historical truth? Why is it so important that we believe this as a historical reality and not just a spiritual one?”*

## INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Who would you consider your favorite biblical hero? (Okay, after Jesus...)

## MEMORY VERSE:

**Acts 2:32**

*“This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.”*

## SCRIPTURE READING:

**Acts 2:16-21**

*“25 For David says concerning him,*

*“‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;*

*26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.*

*27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.*

*28 You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’*

*29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you*

*yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,*

*“The Lord said to my Lord,*

*“Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool. 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*

### **Psalm 16:8-11**

*“I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

*9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being[a] rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.*

*10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.[b]*

*11 You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why does Peter compare Jesus to David in his sermon?
2. What does Peter’s quote from Psalm do in his sermon?
3. What is Peter trying to highlight here for those Jews listening at Pentecost?

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. When we talk about the resurrection, how does it make you feel? Does the absurdity of it trouble you? Why or why not?
2. Do you feel like one of our core beliefs is something that you might see printed in the National Enquirer or Weekly World News?
3. How can we believe that this claim that Jesus died and rose from the dead is a historical truth?
4. Why is it so important that we believe this as a historical reality and not just a spiritual one?

### **CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:**

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.