

GOD'S EASTER PLANS

Acts 5:30-32

**God's Easter plans included more than Christ's resurrection.
- Let's look at some of the details recorded here.**

I. RAISE JESUS (30-31a)

A. FROM THE DEAD (30a)

1. Overcoming death's power - Acts 2:22-24
2. Providing exclusive salvation - Acts 4:10-12
3. Guaranteeing believer's resurrection - I Cor. 15:20-22

B. FROM DISGRACE (30b)

1. The council dishonored Christ - See Gal. 3:13
2. God the Father distinguished Christ - Phil. 2:9-11

C. FROM THE EARTH (31a)

1. The Ascension - Acts 1:9-11
2. The Identification: Authorized ruler and redeemer

II. REMOVE SIN (31b)

A. GRANTING REPENTANCE - Acts 2:36-38

1. Their Guilt (36)
 - They crucified the Lord and Christ
2. Their Gasp (37)
 - What shall we do?
3. Their Grace (38)
 - They can repent and identify with Christ and thereby have their sins forgiven

B. PROVIDING FORGIVENESS - Acts 3:14-19

1. The charge: You killed the Prince of Life (14-15a)
2. The reality: God raised Him from the dead (15b)
3. The significance: People trust Him (16)
4. The offer: You can accept Him too (17-19)

III. COMMISSION WITNESSES (32)

A. THE EARLY CHRISTIANS

1. Who preach repentance and remission of sins - Luke 24:46-48
2. Who were instructed by the risen Lord - Acts 1:3
3. Who were filled with the Spirit of God - Acts 2:1-4
4. Who spoke the mighty deeds of God - Acts 2:11
5. Who rejoiced in suffering and sharing Christ - Acts 5:41-42
6. Who proclaimed the gospel to Gentiles like us - Acts 10:38-43

B. THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The comforting Spirit of truth - John 14:16-17
2. The teacher and prompter of the disciples - John 14:25-26
3. The one bearing testimony about God - John 15:26-27
4. The Spirit of revelation - John 16:12-15

CONCLUSION:

What were God's Easter plans?

1. Raise Jesus
2. Remove sin
3. Commission witnesses

On this Easter Sunday we could:

1. Rejoice in candy
2. Give thanks for family
3. And participate in a great meal

On this Easter Sunday we should:

1. Rejoice in Christ's exaltation
2. Give thanks for deliverance from sin
3. Participate in testifying of Christ