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JEWES WHO WERE FOR JESUS

Acts 4:10-12

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INTRODUCTION: Is it anti-Semitic to tell a devout follower of Judaism that unless he trusts in Christ as his Savior he is destined for Hell? Not according to the three most prominent Jews of the New Testament. Today and next week we will look at what Jesus, the Apostle Peter, and the Apostle Paul—all three devout Jews—had to say about the only road to Heaven.

I. The Doctrine Of Exclusivity Under Siege (John 14:6)

A. “How Could So Many People Be Wrong?”

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’”

B. “Christian Leaders” Are Rejecting the Exclusivity of Christ

II. How The New Testament Answers The Exclusivity Question

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B. The Teaching of the New Testament (2 Timothy 3:16)

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;”

III. The Example Of The Apostle Peter

A. The Teaching of the Apostle Peter about Exclusivity (Acts 2:22-24; 36-38; Acts 4:10, 12)

Acts 2:22-24a, 36 “²²Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ^{24a}And God raised Him up again... ³⁶Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Acts 2:37 “Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’”

Acts 2:38 “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 4:10, 12 “¹⁰Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

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B. The Ministry of the Apostle Peter (Acts 10)

Acts 10:1-2 “¹Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, ²a devout man, and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people, and prayed to God continually.”

Acts 10:42-43 “⁴²And He [Jesus] ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

Conclusion