

SERMON NOTES

THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

Acts 13:26-41



BIG IDEA: The message of salvation is the good news that Jesus has fulfilled God's promises through his death and resurrection, offering complete forgiveness to all who believe.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Can you remember a time when you received good news that completely changed your outlook on a hard situation?

How does Paul use Israel's history in Acts 13:17–25 to prepare his audience to hear the gospel?

In verses 27–29, how does Paul describe the role of the people and leaders in Jerusalem in fulfilling God's plan?

What Old Testament passages does Paul quote in verses 33–35, and how do they support the claim that Jesus rose from the dead?

APPLY

In what ways have you experienced the faithfulness of God in your own story?

Why is it significant that our faith is based on historical facts like the resurrection?

Are there ways you're still trying to earn God's approval instead of resting in the forgiveness Jesus has secured?

How does knowing you've been justified through Christ change the way you relate to God on a daily basis?

COMMIT

What would it look like for you to respond fully to the message of salvation this week—with faith, gratitude, and a willingness to share it with others?

Further Study:

Read Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22. How do these passages deepen your understanding of Jesus' death as the fulfillment of prophecy?

Compare Acts 13:38–39 with Romans 3:21–26. What do these passages teach us about justification and the role of faith?