# **Pentecost (Part 2): Ain’t No Grave**

Acts 2:25–33

# Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to [Acts 2:25–33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2.25-36)?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

# Context

It is Pentecost. The disciples are miraculously speaking in tongues. The Apostle Peter steps up and explains why. It was in fulfillment of Joel 2. This had to do with Jesus’ being Lord, which was proven by His resurrection. Peter proclaims that Jesus could not remain dead! Why? Peter cites King David.

# The Question

Why could Jesus not remain dead?

# Bible Verse

[Acts 2:25–33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2.25-36)

For David says of him: **I saw the Lord ever before me;** **because he is at my right hand,** **I will not be shaken.** **Therefore my heart is glad** **and my tongue rejoices.** **Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope,** **because you will not abandon me in Hades** **or allow your holy one to see decay.** **You have revealed the paths of life to me;** **you will fill me with gladness** **in your presence.** “Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: **He** **was not abandoned in Hades, and** his flesh **did not experience decay.** “God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear.

1. **The** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **must** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. (25-31)**
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **was** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. (33a)**

# Take-Home Truth

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **is the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! (32-33b)**
2. In Jewish thought, the resurrection of the dead always occurred at the end of the world.
3. There was no conception of isolated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rising from the dead. The resurrection was conceived as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resurrection of all mankind.
4. The resurrection was conceived in a way that did not fit the gospels’ picture of Jesus’ body with its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ features.
5. The Jewish understanding of visions contained two elements: (1) they were understood as being visions of people directly translated to heaven and not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, and (2) in Jewish tradition, visions were always experienced by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 Cor. 15:5–7)

# Pray

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Almighty God, who by the death of your dear Son Jesus Christ has destroyed death, by his rest in the tomb has sanctified the graves of the saints, and by his glorious resurrection has brought life and immortality to light; receive, we ask you, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which he has obtained for us and for all who sleep in him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for you on earth, and with all that are around you in heaven; in union with him who is the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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