

Acts 13:26–41
God was Pleased with the Price Jesus Paid for Us
June 5, 2011
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. The Events that Changed Everything

Isaiah 53:6–12

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Philippians 2:6–11

... though [Jesus] was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And

being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore **God has highly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

B. Two Witnesses

Acts 5:30–32

³⁰ The God of our fathers **raised Jesus**, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ **God exalted him** at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And **we are witnesses** to these things, and **so is the Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Key Idea

God's pleasure with the work of Jesus is most clearly evident by the resurrection.

There is a great and glorious God. Know him. Reckon with him. Think about him. ...God is really working in history. He is the main Worker in history. He is the explanation for, the meaning of, everything.

We live in an age where this is not believed. Therefore it is a superficial and naïve age. It is superficial and naïve to discuss events and never deal with their most important connections, namely, their connections with God and his purposes. Check yourself on this. Are you as superficially secular and naïve as most people? ¹

II. The Promise to the Fathers Fulfilled!

Acts 13:30-33

³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses

¹ *History Is God's Story* December 15, 1991 | by John Piper

to the people.³² And we bring you *the good news* that *what God promised to the fathers,*³³ this *he has fulfilled to us* their children **by raising Jesus**, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “*You are my Son, today I have begotten you.*” (Psalm 2:7)

A. The Promise of a Son is Ancient

1. The seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15)
2. The seed of Abraham (Gen. 17:7)
3. “God will raise up for you a prophet like [Moses] from among ... your brothers” (Deut. 18:15)
4. A son to sit on David’s throne (2 Sam. 7:12–16)

Psalm 2:6–8

⁶ “As for me, I have set my **King** on Zion, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “*You are my Son; today I have begotten you.*” ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth *your possession*.

B. God’s Son is *God with Us*

“Paul said in **Colossians 2:9**, “In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (cf. 1:13, 19). He said in **Philippians 2:6**, “Though he was in the form of God he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself.” **Hebrews 1:2–3** says, “In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of [God’s] glory and the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power.” **Hebrews 1:8–9** says, “Of the Son [God] he says, “Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever.” And John writes, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth” (**John 1:1, 14**).”²

² *Jesus Is the Christ the Son of God* October 06, 1991 | by John Piper

Luke 1:35

³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; *therefore* the child to be born will be called *holy*—the **Son of God**.

III. Summary & Application

A. The Ancient Promises have Been Fulfilled

Romans 1:1–6

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was *declared to be the Son of God* in power according to the Spirit of holiness *by his resurrection* from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...

B. Repent & Come Learn from Jesus

Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.”