FROM THE TREE TO THE THRONE - Acts 13:29-35

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1. Paul's sermon - focusing on resurrection of Jesus - A13:26-32

1st: The Resurrected Jesus is the Enthroned Son of David

- 1. <u>A13:33-35</u> Jesus' resurrection fulfills promises *made to fathers* culminate in DavCov. Cites Ps 2:7; Isa 55:3; Ps 16:10 DavCov: v22-23
- 2. v35 [Ps 16:10] Ptr in A2 cites Ps 16:10 2x along w/ 2Sam 7 & Ps 110:1
- **3.** v34 <u>Isa 55:3</u>. v1-2 summons; v3 listen & live; v4-5 blessings of David; v6-11 repent-forgiveness: sov'ty; v12-13 cosmos w/o curse. In A13:46 *turn to Gentiles* already seen in citation of Isa 55:4 in v34.
- **4.** v32-33 AbCov cite Ps 2 [A4:25-26] <u>Ps 2:6-10</u> enthronement of *Anointed*
 - i. You are My Son & begotten. Sounds like dialog tw/Father & Son w/i Godhead in Ps 110:1 wh/concerns Jesus' deity [Lk 20:44].
 - ii. Here concerns Jesus as "Son of God" as seen in DavCov 2S 7:12-16
 - iii. today & I have begotten you: today = new day of NCov. Begotten sounds like 'Eternal Generation of Son' [LBC 2:3. Trinity]: Jn 1:14; or new birth Jn 3:3. But Paul is not teaching Jesus' deity or His new birth.
 - a. NIV NET *today I have become Your Father*. a change in God's relationship with the Davidic Son.
 - b. today I have begotten you => fulfill promise that God wld be Father of David's son. DavCov is fulfilled in Jesus' res/enthroned
 - 1) *1st-born from the dead* = son inheritance [Ps 2:8].

- 2) Rm 1:1-6 res = declares Sonship: Son of David; Son of God. IChr 29:23 David's son: incarn, res'd Son of God enthroned
- 5. <u>Heb 1:5</u> [Ps 2:7 & 2Sam 7:14] <u>v8</u>. No angel only Lamb worthy [Rv 5:4]
- 6. The reign of Messiah has begun A13:52 evidenced in church.

2nd: The Resurrected Jesus Was Crucified Bearing the Wrath of God

- 1. Paul met ascended Jesus but preached crucified Jesus [1C 2:2; Phil 2:8-9].
 - i. Phil 2:8 *cross* ["stauros"] = Roman cross.
 - ii. Cross A13:29 ["dzulos"] = wood, tree. Of interest to rabbi Paul.
- 2. <u>Dt 21:22-23</u> man on *tree* is a man under God's curse. But Messiah wld bring God's blessing! Was Jesus under God's curse on the tree?
- 3. Gal 3:12-14 [Dt 21:23 tree] Jesus is cursed for us! [2C 5:21]
- **4.** A13:28 an innocent man was crucified on a *tree* God's curse as Lamb of God. Philip w/ Eunuch A8:32-35 [Isa 53].

Applic #1: We Must Not Be Mistaken as to the Meaning of Christ's Cross

- 1. We must know, believe, & declare biblical gospel biblically.
- 2. Retain forensic [legal] concerns of God's courtroom <u>A13:38</u> [Rm 5:8-11]

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Applic #2: We Must Not Be Mistaken as to the Meaning of Christ's Throne

- 1. Rv 5 Davidic Lion = Lamb. The foundation of the throne is the cross. It is as the Lamb that the Lion overcomes & is enthroned.
- **2.** Our salvation is as secure as His throne. Nothing can separate us from His rule [Rm 8:31-35a]: throne of priestly intercession & unbreakable love.