

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from January 4, 2015 God's Faithfulness to Israel Acts 13:26-37

Observing the text

Compare the similarities and differences between the messages by Peter in Acts 2 and Stephen in Acts 7 with this message by Paul in Acts 13. What do you see as the biggest differences?

Why does Paul give the details of the death of Christ in Acts 13:27-29?

Who would the hearers of Paul's message be most likely to identify with as Paul describes the events of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection?

Why does Paul quote the Old Testament in Acts 13:33-35? How do these verses support the truth of the resurrection of Christ?

Applying the sermon

What would your advice be to a person who has been, like the Jews of Jerusalem, listening to the word of God each week and not responding?

How does the description of Christ's death and resurrection compare or differ from how you have heard the gospel explained? In light of what Paul emphasized, how does this affect your communication of the truth of Christ to others?

How aware are you of the religious background of those to whom you speak with about Christ? What can you learn from the messages of Paul that can help you communicate better?

Consider why the resurrection of Christ was the focus of Paul's message in Antioch? How does this knowledge affect you?