

**Discussion Questions: Uncharted Territory**  
**Entrance Exam – Acts 2:14, 22-24, 36-39**

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**Opener:** Think about a moment when you realized something life-changing—maybe a truth that completely reshaped your perspective or an experience that made you see things differently. What was it, and how did it impact your life?

*<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.*

*<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

*<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

1. Peter boldly stood with the eleven apostles and addressed the crowd. What did his willingness to speak publicly reveal about the transformation in his character since Jesus' crucifixion?
2. Peter described Jesus as "a man attested by God with miracles, wonders, and signs." How did these supernatural acts communicate Jesus' identity and mission?
3. In acts 2:23, Peter stated that Jesus was handed over "by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge." How does this verse illustrate the balance between divine sovereignty and human responsibility?

4. Acts 2:24 says that God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death. What does the resurrection show us about God's victory over death? How does this truth encourage you?

Hebrews 1:3 says: *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

5. How did the realization that Jesus was divine, that he was "both Lord and Christ (Messiah)" affect you? How did it affect these people?
6. The people were "cut to the heart" and asked, "What shall we do?" Why do you think they responded this way?
7. From Peter's message to the crowd, especially his conclusion v 36-39, how would you explain to someone what it means to become a Christian? What is required? What is promised?

### **Praying It Through**

Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins and rise from the dead so that we might have new life. Pray that God would help us to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to proclaim that Jesus is both Lord and Messiah to the people around us.

### **For reflection in the group or on your own:**

- A. When did you make your initial commitment to Christ? Who was influential in that process? Have you told others about it?
- B. What difference does it make that Jesus truly is the reigning King over all? How does that truth affect your daily life?

**Next week, we will continue "Uncharted Territory" covering Acts 2:42-47. There will be discussion questions available at [www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads](http://www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads)**