



Death didn't stand a chance.

EASTER @ REFTON CHURCH - 10AM

Easter Sunday | Acts 2:22-41 | April 5th, 2026

→ **Death Could Not Hold Him — Acts 2:24**

- “impossible” = death lacked the ability to overcome the power of God
- The resurrection is rooted in historical reality, witnessed by many

→ **The Cross Was God's Plan — Acts 2:22-23**

- “God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge” = God *allowed* it
 - See 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 — The death of Jesus was no accident
 - **Death didn't stand a chance**
- The path of suffering became the path through which salvation came

→ **Jesus Defeated Death and Reigns as King — Acts 2:26-36**

- (2:29-32) David was still in the tomb — yet God's promise didn't fail. It was fulfilled as Jesus broke out of His tomb!
- Jesus holds *all* authority over life and death (Revelation 1:18, Matthew 28:18)
- (2:36) “Lord and Messiah” = God (divine authority) & King (royal authority)
 - “Lord” = title for God's personal name in the Old Testament
 - “Messiah” = the promised King from the line of David
- Jesus reigns as King *now* (His coronation is seen in Revelation 5)

→ Our Response to the Risen King — Acts 2:37–41

- (2:37) The message of the resurrection cuts to the heart and calls for response
- (2:38) “Repent” = realign your entire life and allegiance with the true King, Jesus

→ **Consider this:** Will we continue living as though we are in charge? Or will we trust the King who conquered death?

→ **Main Takeaway:** The resurrection reveals that Jesus is not only alive, He’s the King who now reigns with *all* authority. Therefore, **death does not have the final word** for those who belong to Him.

→ **Next Steps:** Pray for the Lord’s wisdom over the following:

- What area of your life might God be inviting you to realign under the loving authority of King Jesus?

- Who is the Lord leading you to have a conversation about the message of Jesus?