

GOD'S SET PURPOSE

ACTS 2:22-24

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The apostles were Jesus' authorized agents who gave witness of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. (**Acts 1:8, 21, 22, fn 1:26, Luke 10:16, fn 10:17-20**)

JESUS' MIRACLES, WONDERS, AND SIGNS—These were done to show that Jesus was accredited by God and was the Son of God—God in the flesh. (**Acts 2:22, John 2:7-11, fn 2:11[2nd], John 20:30, 31**) *How could you explain to your family the miracles of Jesus in a way that would increase their faith?*

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION—The cross is God's only way for all sin to be forgiven. His purpose is to trade our sins for His righteousness. (**Acts 2:23, fn 2:23, Romans 5:6-8, fn 5:6, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21, Isaiah 53:10, 11, fn 53:11**) *What is the purpose of Jesus' resurrection for your life?*

JESUS' RESURRECTION—God raised Jesus from the dead. We can believe this fact because of the testimony of the Scriptures, the witness of the Apostles, and the confirmation to us of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (**Acts 2:24, fn 2:24, John 14:12-21, fn 14:17ff, John 20:26-29, fn 20:29, Acts 1:21-22, II Peter 1:19-21, fn 1:20, 21**) *How is it possible for you to be a witness for the resurrection of Jesus?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?