

**Acts 4:23-37**  
**Expounding Psalm 2**

**Introduction:**

Peter and John were well versed in the Old Testament Scriptures. They knew why the people were enraged against them; it was because of Jesus claims to be the Son of God, the promised Messiah, the Savior, the forgiver of our sins. The Lord of glory will come to Judge the unrighteous in fierceness and wrath. Indeed there is no such thing as accidental providences they are all foreordained for the glory of God.

**I. The Church At Worship**

**A. Two particular items in the worship service**

1. They prayed
2. They reflected on the Scriptures

**B. The Life of Christ**

1. Misunderstanding
2. Thinking clearly and Biblically – Matt. 16:23; Psa. 69:25; 109:8; Joel 2:28-32; Psa. 16:9-11; 110:1
3. The importance of the mind – Eph. 4:23; Col. 3:2; II Pet. 1:15

**C. On Resurrection day of the Lord**

1. Our Lord opened the Scriptures to them – Luke 24:32
2. Our Lord Jesus opened their eyes – Luke 24:31
3. Our Lord Jesus opened their minds – Luke 24:45

**II. The Church For Exposition**

**A. Messianic Psalm – Psalm 2:1-12**

1. Israel's leaders – Luke 19:14; John 19:15
2. Why should Peter and John quote this Psalm?  
Ans. Because this is precisely how the Sanhedrin dealt with Jesus

**B. The raging sea – Isa. 57:20 (Lloyd - Jones's comment)**

1. The vain plan – Psa. 2:1
2. World utopia – Eccl. 1:9; Psa. 10:4

**C. The GOOD NEWS of God's Grace – Matt. 11:28-30**

**D. The arrogance of the wicked**

1. God laughs – Psa. 2:4; 37:13; 59:8
2. God's sovereignly controls His creatures – Psa. 2:5, 6
3. God provides the only way out – Psa. 2:12; 2:9; Rev. 19:13-16

