### **Sermon Outline**

# Key verse

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

Acts 2:36

# Jesus fulfilled all of the prophecies about the Redeemer

1. We can trust God's promises

We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.

Acts 13:32-33

#### 2. We can be forgiven

Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

Acts 13:38-39

3. We can worship joyfully

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52

# JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

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# **Opening Thought**

In Acts 13, Paul and his companions attend a synagogue service where he proclaims Jesus as the promised Messiah. He says in verse 27: "The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath." Jesus fulfills the promises of God and offers salvation to all who turn to him!

#### Ice breakers

- What happened this week that you were not expecting?
- Have you ever greeted someone who didn't recognize you? What happened?

## **Dig Deeper**

- Acts 13 begins with Paul and Barnabas as part of the church in Antioch. The Holy Spirit then called them to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the known world and they are sent as missionaries (v. 2-3). In what ways do you think this emboldened them to persevere? What is your motivation for sharing the life-giving power of Jesus with the world?
- Read Acts 13:44-48. What differences do you see in how the Jews responded versus the Gentiles?
- What ideas do you have for how someone might "honor the word of the Lord?"
- John shared three ways that Jesus as Messiah impacts us.
   Which one is the Lord impressing on your heart in this season?
- What stood out to you from today's sermon?

#### Closing

Ask the Lord what mission he has for you and trust that he will provide the Holy Spirit (the Helper) to accomplish it.

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