

## PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH, Pt. 2 (Acts 1:12-26)

### I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)

#### A. The BIRTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (1-2)

##### 1. Preparation for the Birth of the Church (1:1-26)

- a) Introduction to Acts – The Sequel to Luke (1:1-3)
- b) Christ's Final Earthly Instruction of the Apostles (1:4-8)
- c) Christ's Ascension to Heaven (1:9-11)
- d) The Disciples Wait and Pray (1:12-14)

1) After witnessing the Ascension of Christ to Heaven, the disciples returned to Jerusalem from \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:50) and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:12).

- *How does this relate to Jesus Christ's second coming? (Zech. 14:4)*

2) The eleven apostles of Acts 1:12 are \_\_\_\_\_ as recorded 3 times in the Gospels:

<i>Lists of the Apostles in the New Testament</i>			
Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:13-16	Acts 1:13
Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)	Simon (Peter)
Andrew	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
James	James	James	James
John	John	John	John
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew
Thomas	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas
Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew
James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus	James, son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Judas, son of James	Judas, son of James
Simon the Cananaean	Simon the Cananaean	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	

3) As the apostles and disciples waited for the Holy Spirit, they were \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (1:14)

- *Who were the “women” and “brothers”?* (John 7:5; Mark 6:3)
- *How many disciples were there originally in Jerusalem?* (1:15)

e) The Need to Fill Judas’s Office as an Apostle (1:15-20)

1) During this period of continual prayer, Peter raised the \_\_\_\_\_ for Judas’s twelfth apostolic office to be filled based on \_\_\_\_\_. (1:15-17, 20; cf. Pss. 69:25; 109:8 LXX)

- *What did Peter and others believe about Scripture?* (1:16; 4:25; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

2) Judas Iscariot was originally \_\_\_\_\_ among the apostles and \_\_\_\_\_ a part in their ministry. (1:17)

- *Why were the apostles 12 in number?* (Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:28-30; Rev. 21:12-14)
- *Why did Jesus pick Judas Iscariot?*
- *Does Acts 1:18-19 contradict Matthew 27:3-10?*

f) The Selection of Matthias as the Twelfth Apostle (1:21-26)

1) The qualifications to fill Judas’s spot as the twelfth apostle were being a:

(a) disciple of Christ from His \_\_\_\_\_ by John to His \_\_\_\_\_; and

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ [*martyra*] to His \_\_\_\_\_.

- *What does this word (martyrs) mean and how important is it in Acts?* (1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 22:15; 23:11; 26:16)
- *Why is the Resurrection such an important part of the Gospel?*

2) The decision to select either Joseph Barsabas (Justus) or Matthias involved both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1:23-25)

- *Do we see this elsewhere in Acts?* (2:23; 5:31; 11:17-18; 18:27)
- *What is God called in Acts 1:23?* (15:8 cf. 1 Sam. 16:7)

3) After praying and depending on the Lord, the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lord chose \_\_\_\_\_. (1:26)

- *Was this common practice before the Church Age a valid means to determine the will of God?* (Deut. 26:55; Josh. 18:10; 1 Sam. 14:41-42; Neh. 11:1; Prov. 16:33; Jonah 1:7)
- *What reasons support Matthias being considered a valid 12th apostle?*
- *Were there other “apostles” in the New Testament and what were the requirements to be one in a strict sense?* (1 Cor. 9:1; 15:7-8; 2 Cor. 12:12 cf. Acts 2:22; Gal. 1:1; 2:7-8)

### **STRICT SENSE**

The 12 + Paul

(Acts 1:13, 26; 2:14; 6:2)

1. Peter (Cephas, Simon)
2. Andrew
3. James
4. John
5. James (of Alphaeus)
6. Judas (Thaddeus, Bro. of James)
7. Thomas (Didymus)
8. Matthew (Levi)
9. Philip
10. Nathaniel (Bartholomew)
11. Simon (the Zealot)
12. Matthias
13. Paul (Unique – Apostle to the Gentiles; Gal. 1:1; 2:8)

### **LOOSE SENSE**

1. Jesus Christ – Hebrews 3:1
2. Barnabas – Acts 14:4
3. Junias? – Romans 16:7
4. Andronicus? – Romans 16:7
5. Epaphroditus – Philippians 2:25
6. Silas – 1 Thessalonians 2:6
7. Timothy – 1 Thessalonians 2:6

- *Are there still true apostles in the Church today?* (Acts 12:2; Eph. 2:20; 2 Cor. 11:13)