

The Holy Spirit and the Death of Judas (Acts 1:15-26)

Question: why does Luke address Judas' betrayal before Pentecost?

Luke is writing to give a factual account of the continuation of the Gospel

Luke began with Jesus' resurrection, appearances & kingdom teaching

Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit

He then ascended before their very eyes and the eyes of 120 witnesses

Disciples gathered in Jerusalem in one accord to pray in the upper room

I. Scriptures' Fulfillment

v 16 "*Men & brethren the Scriptures had to be fulfilled*" What Scripture?

Peter gives 2OT texts foretelling Judas' betrayal, suicide (*Ps 69:25;*

109:8)

Scripture had to be fulfilled...Holy Spirit spoke before by David, concerning Judas

II. The Unfailing, Unstoppable Purpose of the Holy Spirit

- Judas' betrayal was no glitch in the plan, Scripture had to be fulfilled
- It had to be, betrayal – could not stop the Holy Spirit *John 6:64; 17:12*

III. Why Does Luke Focus on the Replacement of Judas?

- Scripture had to be fulfilled and someone had to take Judas' place
- *Vs 21, 22 'one who went in & out among them from John's baptism to ascension'*
- *I of these must become a witness* historical witness to Jesus: very important

IV. Application

1. The apostles were men who believed fully in Jesus
2. The apostles were men of obedience and prayer
3. The apostles were men of the Word.
4. The apostles were careful witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ