

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“To Do and To Teach”

Teaching 2: Chapter 1, PT. 2 - The Upper Room

Introduction: The first thing to note as we start **Part 2** is the first thing the Disciples did after watching Jesus Ascend into Heaven.

Acts 1:12-26

Verse 12-13

Acts 1:12-13 (AMP) - ¹² Then **the disciples returned to Jerusalem** from the mount called Olivet (Olive Grove), which is near Jerusalem, [only] a Sabbath day's journey (less than one mile) away. ¹³ When they had entered *the city*, **they went upstairs to the upper room where they were staying [indefinitely];** that is, Peter, and John and [his brother] James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew (Nathanael) and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas (Thaddaeus) the son of James.



Jesus Gave Them Divine Instruction:

Luke 24:49 (NASB) - ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

KEY: You cannot read Acts in a vacuum; many things Luke is writing to Theophilus in the Gospel of Luke, he did not restate in Acts. You must study Luke and Acts as one continuous epistle, but in two parts in order to get a clearer picture.

Verse 14

Acts 1:14 (AMP) – ¹⁴ All these with **one mind *and* one purpose were continually devoting themselves to prayer, [waiting together] along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.**

Note: They waited (**Indefinitely**) for the promise! How many promises could we have already missed and will miss because we refuse to wait for it? **Selah.**

Verses 15-16

Acts 1:15-16 (AMP) – ¹⁵ Now on one of these days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (a gathering of about a hundred and twenty believers was there) and he said, ¹⁶ “Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the **Scripture be fulfilled, which the **Holy Spirit foretold by the lips of David** [king of Israel] about **Judas [Iscaiot]**, who acted as guide to those who arrested Jesus.**



Note: Peter is letting them all know that they are part of Scripture being fulfilled, as foretold.

Foretold-(Greek)-to announce beforehand (that a thing will be). Widely understood in Christian theology as a typological or contextual messianic prophecy.

Psalms 41:9 (AMP) – ⁹ Even my own close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me [betraying me].

- David was referencing his betrayal from Ahithophel, who turned against David during Absalom's rebellion.
- When David's son Absalom rebelled to seize the throne, Ahithophel deserted David and became Absalom's primary counselor.

Understanding: King David is literally crying out to G-d concerning his enemies and false friends. Peter recognized this to be said by King David because he knows the **Tanakh (OT)** scriptures and applied it to this situation with Judas.

Verses 17-18

Acts 1:17-18 (AMP) – ¹⁷ “For he (Judas) was counted among us and received his share [by divine allotment] in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now Judas Iscariot acquired a piece of land [indirectly] with the [money paid him as a] reward for his treachery, and falling headlong, his body burst open in the middle **and all his intestines poured out.**

LET’S TALK ABOUT IT!

The Two Differences

- **Matthew 27:5 (KJV)** – ⁵ And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.
- **Acts 1:18 (KJV)** – ¹⁸ Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

Understanding: The theory is that, because Luke was a physician, he simply went into more details about the state of Judas’s body after death. No one can really say.

Verse 19-20

Acts 1:19-20 (AMP) – ¹⁹ All the people in Jerusalem learned about this, so in their own dialect—Aramaic—they called the piece of land Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For in the book of Psalms it is written,

‘LET HIS PLACE OF RESIDENCE BECOME DESOLATE,
AND LET THERE BE NO ONE TO LIVE IN IT’; and [again], “**LET ANOTHER
TAKE HIS POSITION AS OVERSEER.**’

Note: Again, Peter reaches into the **Tanakh (OT)** from King David to get the wisdom from G-d that they are in need of.

Matthias Replaces Judas - Chosen With Purpose

Verses 21-22

Acts 1:21-22 (AMP) - ²¹ So of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus spent with us, ²²beginning with the baptism by John [**at the outset of Jesus’ ministry**] until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men *must* become a witness with us [**to testify**] of His resurrection.”



- They could not just pick anyone.
- They had to pick someone who started with them and who remained.
- A witness of Jesus’ ministry from beginning until He ascended.

Key: The person did not need to be at The Ascension, but they had to have witness the risen Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:4-5 (AMP) – ⁴ ...He was [bodily] raised on the third day according to [that which] the Scriptures [foretold], ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [in death].

Verses 23-25

Acts 1:23-25 (AMP) – ²³ And they put forward two men, Joseph, the one called Barsabbas (who was surnamed Justus), and Matthias. ²⁴ They prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know all hearts [their thoughts, motives, desires], show us which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to occupy this ministry and apostleship which Judas left to go to his own place [of evil].”



Note: Even though Peter said this was foretold, which one to pick was not.

- They prayed first.
- They Humbled themselves.
- They knew only G-d knows the heart of men.
- Then, they cast lots.

Understanding: Ancestors used physical items like marked stones, inscribed pieces of pottery, or sticks of different lengths. The Israelites believed that while

humans threw the objects, G-d directed the result. The stone or marker that rolled out first, or the one that had a specific mark on it, decided the matter.

Verse 26

Acts 1:26 (AMP) – ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.



Key: These men were hand-picked by G-d! They were His eyewitnesses that we can thank today for their obedience and faithfulness to Wait For The Promise!

The End