

THE **ACTS** OF FAITH

PIONEERS

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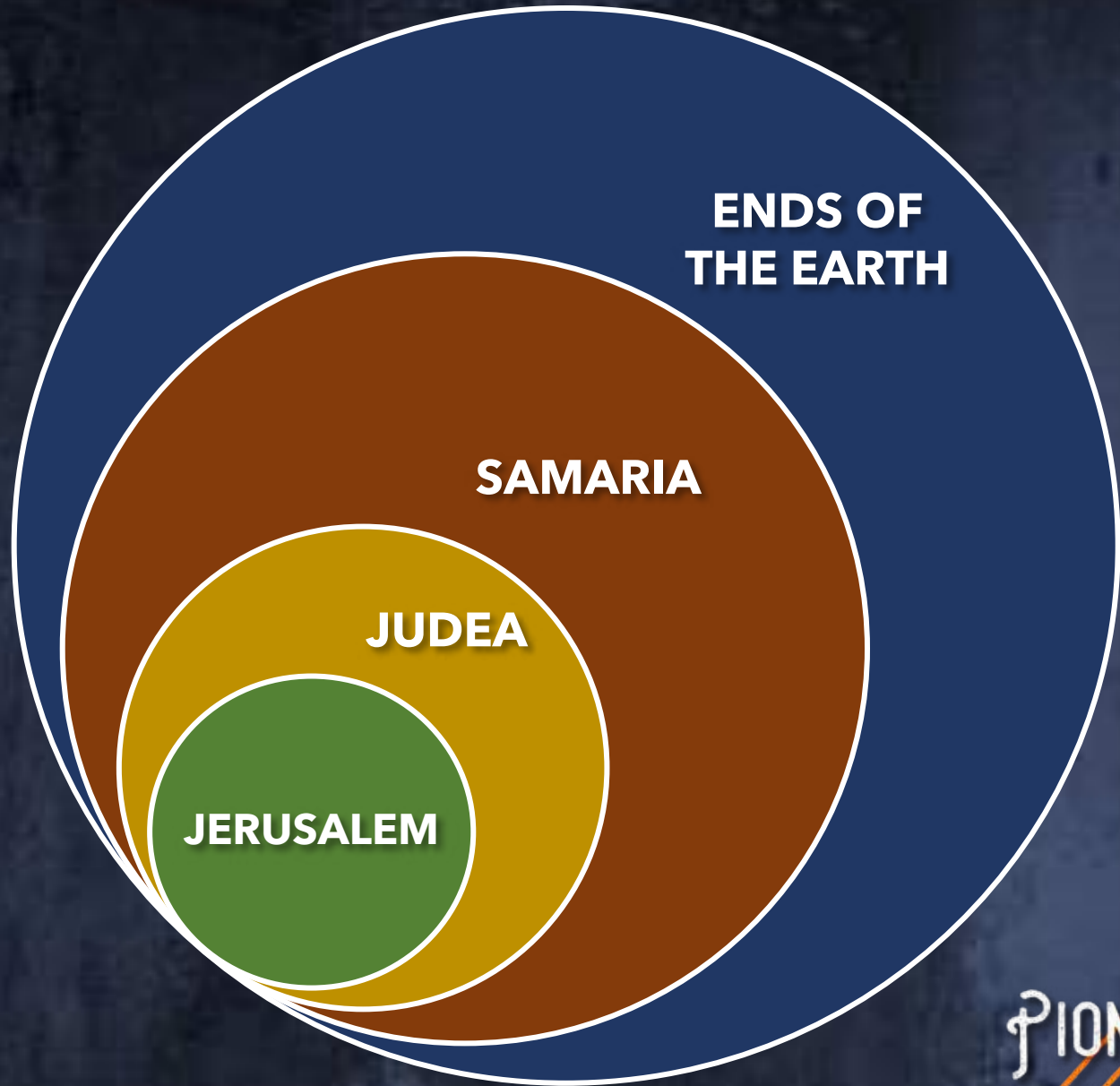
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ACTS 1: 12-26

"You will be my
witnesses in
Jerusalem and in
all **Judea**
and **Samaria**,
and to the
end of the earth."

Acts 1:8



Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

And when they had entered, they went up to **the upper room**, where they were staying,

Peter and John and James and Andrew,
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,
James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot
and Judas the son of James (*Thaddeus*).

All of these with one accord were **devoting themselves to prayer**, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



12 APOSTLES

"SENT ONES"

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CIRCLE

PETER Influential Leader
SIMON

JAMES The Passionate Dude
SONS OF THUNDER

JOHN Man of Conviction

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JUDAS

"The Betrayer"

MAN OF **HYPOCRISY**

One of you is "not clean." JOHN 13:10-11

MAN OF **GREED**

"He was a thief, and being in charge of the money bag, he would help himself to it."

MAN OF **DARKNESS**

"As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered him." JOHN 13:27



JUDAS KISS

"THE SIGNS OF A BETRAYER"

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Subtle Disrespect

The one disciple who continually referred to Jesus as Rabbi, not Lord.

Increasing Avoidance

Always listed last (order always reflected relationship)

Exposing Moments

"Why was this not given to the poor? He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief." JOHN 12:5-6

Obvious Resentment

Went to the chief priest, "The one I kiss is the man, seize him."



THE BETRAYAL

JOHN 18:1-9



When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. **Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place,** for Jesus often met there with his disciples.



THE BETRAYAL

JOHN 18:1-9



So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, **knowing all that would happen to him**, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?"



THE BETRAYAL

JOHN 18:1-9



They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM HE." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I AM HE," **they drew back and fell to the ground.**



THE BETRAYAL

JOHN 18:1-9



So he asked them again, **"Whom do you seek?"** And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."



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"7 CONSEQUENCES OF BETRAYAL"

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Deep Inflicted Wounds

"Are you betraying the son of man with a kiss?" Luke 22:48

Loss of Respect

Gospels went out of their way to call him "a traitor." Luke 16:6

Surrendered Ground

"The evil already put in his heart to betray him." John 13:2

The Lord's Discipline

"Woe to the man who betrays the son of man..." Mark 14:21

Lingering Shame

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood..." Matt. 27:4

Self Loathing

"...He went out and hanged himself." Matt. 27:5

Legacy of Failure

Scripture would define him as "the son of destruction" John 17:12



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?? REPLACE With whom?

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled,
which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by
the mouth of David concerning Judas, who
became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

For he was **numbered among us** and was **allotted his share** in this ministry.

Now this man acquired a field **with the reward of his wickedness**, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Aceldama, that is, **Field of Blood**.

For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it; and **'Let another take his office.'**"

So one of the men who have accompanied us
during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and
out among us, beginning from the baptism of
John until the day when he was taken up from us -

One of these men must become with us
a witness to his resurrection.

And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthais. And they prayed and said,

“You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,
**show which one of these two you have
chosen** to take the place in this ministry
and apostleship from which Judas turned
aside to go to his own place.”

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on **Matthias**, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.



MATTHIAS

"The ONE OF US Guy"

MAN OF FAMILIARITY

One who has been with us.

MAN OF REGARD

One of two selected by the 11 apostles.

MAN OF GOD

"The Gift of Yahweh"



LET **ANOTHER**

"THE MATTHIAS PRINCIPLE"



THE MATTHIAS PRINCIPLE

7 ACTS OF FAITH THAT BUILD TRUST

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☐ Just get in there

Become familiar... it's not how you start it's how you finish

☐ Stay Put

Why do you have to leave to blossom? Grow where you're planted.

☐ Be Responsible with Little Things

It's biblical... faithful with a little, entrusted with much.

☐ Show Respect

Respect is a two-way street; you have to give it to get it.

☐ Do what 'They' Value

I was told, "Dress for the job you want not for the job you have."

☐ Become Irreplaceable

Initiative is always noticed... position yourself intentionally.

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Ask God to fill out the application for you... and get back to work.



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MY WITNESSES

"THE INDIVIDUAL CALL OF A PIONEER"

PETER Leverage your influence

JAMES Prioritize your passions

JOHN Teach your convictions

ANDREW Model servanthood

PHILIP Use that mind

NATHANAEL Correct Error

MATTHEW Love the Unlovable

THOMAS Affirm the disheartened

JAMES Encourage obscure ministry

THADDAEUS Tell them about it

SIMON Advocate with love

MATTHIAS Embrace the Opportunity



Day of **PENTACOST**



"THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"