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12.17.25
Acts 1:12-26

I. The return 12-14

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ They all were continually united in prayer,^[a] along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



A. The attendees
11 Disciples

Jesus' half brothers

Mark 6:3 ³ Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?"
So they were offended by him.

James Pastor/writer

Jude writer

Joses
Simon
They were new believers

John 7:5 ⁵ (For not even his brothers believed in him.)
The women
Mary Magdelene
Mary
Mom
Never mentioned again
Mary and Martha
Salome

- B. Application for us today
Unity is a necessity in Christianity

II. The need to re-organize 15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters^[b]—the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty—and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David foretold about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.” ¹⁸ Now this man acquired a field with his unrighteous wages. He fell headfirst, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that in their own language that field is called *Hakeldama* (that is, “Field of Blood”). ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

Let his dwelling become desolate;

let no one live in it; [c] and

Let someone else take his position.[d]

²¹ “Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us—from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³ So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “You, Lord, know everyone’s hearts; show which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place^[e] in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

- A. They stayed together

Peter proves leadership abilities

B. Application for today:
Gives hope for all believers who have struggled in the past.

C. The apostle replacement (Judas was to be replaced)
He was the Treasurer

He made a terrible choice

Matt 27:1-10 **27** When daybreak came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put him to death. ² After tying him up, they led him away and handed him over to Pilate,^[a] the governor.

³ Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, was full of remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. ⁴ "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood," he said.

"What's that to us?" they said. "See to it yourself!" ⁵ So he threw the silver into the temple and departed. Then he went and hanged himself.

⁶ The chief priests took the silver and said, "It's not permitted to put it into the temple treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷ They conferred together and bought the potter's field with it as a burial place for foreigners. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called "Field of Blood" to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: **They took^[b] the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him whose price was set by the Israelites, ¹⁰ and they gave^[c] them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.^[d]**

His death by suicide

The field purchased with blood money

Jer 18:1-4 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Go down at once to the potter's house; there I will reveal my words to you." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, working away at the wheel.^[a] ⁴ But the jar that he was making from the clay became flawed in the potter's hand, so he made it into another jar, as it seemed right for him to do.

Judas was not saved?

Jn 17:12 ¹² While I was with them, I was protecting them by your name that you have given me. I guarded them and not one of them is lost, except the son of destruction,^[a] so that the Scripture may be fulfilled.

Why replace him?

To make the twelve complete for the final judgements

Matt 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Rev 21:14

D. Application

We need to examine ourselves

We need to not assume all are saved

E. The replacement process

Setting the criteria

Been with Jesus

Seen the resurrection

Two men qualified

Joseph

Matthias

The process

Prayer

Casting lots

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.

F. Application

Be careful how leaders are chosen

There is a biblical criteria

I Tim

Silly "cowboy church" model was terrible in the old days.

Prayer and careful proceedings