

Acts

Key verse: Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Chapter 1 THEME: *Preparation for the coming of the Spirit*

Lesson 2: Acts 1:12-26

C. Judas’ fate and replacement (1:12–26)

The essentials to choosing church leaders (v. 12–15).

- Essential 1: to obey Jesus.
- Essential 2: to center around the appointed leaders.
- Essential 3: to continue in one accord.
- Essential 4: to pray steadfastly.
- Essential 5: to have a leader who willingly leads.
- Essential 6: to heed what the leader says.

The need for church leaders: Judas’ fate and empty office (v. 16-20).

- Judas betrayed Christ, & become the guide for Jesus’ enemies
- Judas had been called by Christ to serve in the ministry.
- Judas had given his heart over to greed.
- Judas had died a terrible death.
- Judas’ legacy is tragic.
- Judas’ terrible fate was an eternal loss.

The choosing of church leaders: the replacement for Judas (v. 21–26).

- Leaders must be associates
- Leaders must know the Lord Jesus personally.
- Leaders must be appointed through prayer.
- Leaders must be appointed by other Christians.