

Acts 1: 12-26
The True Apostles

- **2 Corinthians 11:12-15** False apostles will display a facade of righteousness, but will not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh - **1 John 4:1-6** - Christ being the God-man
- **The Foundation of the Church** was to be and has been laid by the Apostles and Prophets therefore Christ most assuredly would not have let error compromise the foundation
- **We who have faith in Christ Jesus** are the household of God being unified by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit - **Ephesians 2:19-22** and **Revelation 21:14**

I. The Setting in the Upper Room - Acts 1:12-14

- A. The Mount or Hill called Olivet** is about 200 feet higher than Jerusalem - **Zechariah 14:1-5**
- B. The details of the location and the proximity to Jerusalem** were most likely for a gentile reader such as Theophilus. A Sabbath Day's journey which is 2000 cubits or $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile would place the house of the Upper Room just inside the East Gate
- C. Those who were in attendance in the Upper Room** - The women who were at the cross and Jesus's mother Mary and His brothers who now believed in Him as the Messiah - **John 7:5**
- D. Jesus made a bigger picture of His family** in **Mark 3:31-35** - Those who do the will of God
- E. James** who had a personal encounter with Jesus after His resurrection - **1 Corinthians 15:7**
James, Judas (Jude), Joses and Simon - Two would write NT Epistles - James and Jude
- F. The main point of this section and application** is their devotion to prayer. The physical communion with our Lord Jesus Christ had been broken and replaced with a spiritual communion that would enable all believers access to our Lord at all times. **John 14:16-21**
- G. So we are to be in the Word, abiding therefore in Christ, and in prayer** - **John 15:7**

II. The Scriptures Surrounding Judas - Acts 1: 15-20

- A. Peter is not giving his opinion** - The inspiration of Scripture - **2 Peter 1:16-21**
- B. Peter is being obedient to God's word** which must come to pass - **Isaiah 46:8-13; 55:6-13**
- C. The betrayal of Judas** predicted in **Psalm 55:12-15**
- D. The source of the prediction for Judas's removal** - **Psalm 69:25**
- E. The promise of Judas's replacement** - **Psalm 109:8**
- F. The basis for this decision** is based solely on Scripture, therefore it was no mistake, as some so called modern day apostles have stated that Peter made a mistake
- G. Judas's betrayal, not his death, forfeited his position with Twelve.** Even after death, James continued to be considered an apostle. **Acts 12:2**

III. The Selection of the Replacement - Acts 1:21-26

- A. Paul was not to be among the twelve** and he mention it in **1 Corinthians 15:3-11**
- B. The requirements of those who hold the office of Apostle** - **Luke 6:12-13** - By the Lord's choosing - **Acts 1:24-25** - From the beginning - **John 15:26-27** - Resurrection - **Acts 2:24,32**
- C. Before Pentecost, before the presence of the Spirit to lead it, the church sought the direction of God** and used the Old Testament procedure of securing divine decision. After Pentecost, the church in Acts made its own decisions under the direction of the Holy Spirit
- D. James 4:15-** "Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.' - We are to be in the Word and in prayer - **Acts 1:14**