

6. Apostles Pray for Guidance

Act 1:12-16 CEV

The Mount of Olives was about half a mile from Jerusalem. The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon, known as the Eager One, and Judas the son of James. After the apostles returned to the city, they went upstairs to the room where they had been staying.

The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind. The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers. One day there were about one hundred twenty of the Lord's followers meeting together, and Peter stood up to speak to them ... My friends, long ago by the power of the Holy Spirit, David said something about Judas, and what he said has now happened.

Judas was one of us and had worked with us, but he brought the mob to arrest Jesus. Then Judas bought some land with the money he was given for doing that evil thing. He fell headfirst into the field. His body burst open, and all his insides came out. When the people of Jerusalem found out about this, they called the place Akeldama, which in the local language means "Field of Blood."

In the book of Psalms it says,

"Leave his house empty, and don't let anyone live there."

It also says, "Let someone else have his job."

So we need someone else to help us tell others that Jesus has been raised from death. He must also be one of the men who was with us from the very beginning. He must have been with us from the time the Lord Jesus was baptized by John until the day he was taken to heaven.

Two men were suggested: One of them was Joseph Barsabbas, known as Justus, and the other was Matthias. Then they all prayed, "Lord, you know what everyone is like! Show us the one you have chosen to be an apostle and to serve in place of Judas, who got what he deserved." They drew names, and Matthias was chosen to join the group of the eleven apostles.



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ARREST	JOB	OFTEN
BURST	JUDAS	OLIVES
DAVID	JUSTUS	PHILIP
DESERVED	LANGUAGE	PSALMS
ELEVEN	LEAVE	RAISED
EMPTY	MATTHIAS	SIMON
FOLLOWERS	MET	SINGLE
HALF	MIND	STAYING
HUNDRED	MOB	UPSTAIRS
INSIDES	MONEY	WORKER