

The Acts of the Apostles

Part I: Peter and the Other Apostles Witness in Jerusalem and the Surrounding Areas

Session 2: Preparation for Witnessing (1:12-26)

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- I. V. 12 Note: the Mount of Olives (Olivet) is about ½ miles, 2,000 paces, from the city. A “Sabbath day’s journey” was how far a Jew was allowed to walk on the day of rest. It was roughly the distance of how far the furthest tent in the Israelite camp was from the center of the camp, where the Tabernacle would be.
- II. What is the description of the disciples in v. 14? Why is this significant?
- III. How many total disciples were there in v. 15? How does this attest to the power of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts?
- IV. How does Peter regard Old Testament Scripture? (v. 16)
- V. Read Matthew 27:3-8. What did the Jews use the Field of Blood for?
- VI. What requirements of an apostle were there? (vv. 21-22)
- VII. What method of decision-making did the disciples use in v. 26? Is this an appropriate method of selection? (Especially take note of their prayer in vv. 24-25.)
- VIII. What is the benefit of democratic voting (what we usually use)? What might be its danger to us?
- IX. Note: Matthias is thought to have traveled to Cappadocia in modern-day Turkey, but little is known about him. Still, his selection was important for Luke to record, so it is likely that early Christians would have known his impact for witnessing to the Gospel (cf. 1:22).