

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Election of Matthias

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olives, which is a fifteen-minute walk away. ¹³On entering the city they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. Present there were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All of these together gave themselves to constant prayer. With them were some women and also Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵It was during this time that Peter stood up in the midst of the community—about one hundred and twenty in all—¹⁶and he said:

—Brothers, it was necessary that the Scriptures referring to Judas be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit had spoken through David about the one who would lead the crowd coming to arrest Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and had been called to share our common ministry. ²¹Therefore we must choose someone from among those who were with us during all the time that the Lord Jesus moved about with us, ²²beginning with John's baptism until the day when Jesus was taken away from us. One of these has to become, with us, a witness to his resurrection.

²³Then they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴They prayed:

—You know, Lord, what is in the hearts of all. Show us, therefore, which of the two you have chosen ²⁵to replace Judas in this apostolic ministry which he deserted to go to the place he deserved.

²⁶Then they drew lots between the two and the choice fell on Matthias who was added to the eleven apostles.

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