

Jesus' Last Day on Earth

Acts 01: 06–11

1 *The disciples came together again*

2 *Scene 1:*

Jesus promised the kingdom

3 *Scene 2:*

*Jesus assigned
the believer's great task —
the great commission*

- a. Their equipping:
The power of the Holy Spirit
- b. Their task: Witnessing
- c. Their method: Everywhere

4 *Scene 3:*

*Jesus ascended
before the disciples' very eyes*

5 *Scene 4:*

The prophecy of Jesus' return

6 So when they met together, they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore
the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them:

“It is not for you to know the times or dates
the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

9 After he said this,
he was taken up before their very eyes,
and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky
as he was going,
when suddenly two men dressed in white
stood beside them.

11 “Men of Galilee,” they said,
“why do you stand here looking into the sky?
This same Jesus,
who has been taken from you into heaven,
will come back in the same way
you have seen him go into heaven.”

Judas' Fate and Replacement: Choosing Church Leaders

Acts 01:12–26

1 *The essentials*

to choosing church leaders

- a. Essential 1:
To obey Jesus —
they returned to Jerusalem
- b. Essential 2:
To centre around
the appointed leaders
 - 1) All eleven apostles were present
 - 2) Met where the apostles
were staying
- c. Essential 3:
To be joined together constantly
- d. Essential 4:
To pray steadfastly
- e. Essential 5:
To have an appointed leader (Peter)
who *willingly* leads
- f. Essential 6: To heed the leader

2 *The need for church leaders: Judas' fate and empty office*

- a. His betrayal:
A *guide* for evil vs. a *guide* for good
- b. His call by Jesus:
To serve in the ministry
- c. His greed: Corrupt
- d. His death:
Despair and suicide
- e. His legacy:
Tragic
- f. His terrible fate:
An eternal loss

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem
from the hill called the Mount of Olives,
a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

13 When they arrived,
they went upstairs to the room where they were staying.
Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew;
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Mathew;
James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot,
and Judas son of James.

14 They all joined together constantly in prayer,
along with the women
and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and with his brothers.

15 In those days
Peter stood up among the believers
(a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

16 And said, "Brothers,
the Scripture had to be fulfilled
which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago
through the mouth of David concerning Judas,
who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus —

17 He was one of our number
and shared in this ministry."

18 (With the reward he got for his wickedness,
Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong,
his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this,
so they called that field in their language Akeldama,
that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For," said Peter,
"it is written in the book of Psalms,
'May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,' and,
'May another take his place of leadership.'"

3 *The choosing of church leaders:*
The replacement for Judas

- a. Leaders must be associates:
Proven over a long period of time
- b. Leaders must know
the Lord Jesus personally:
Have a personal knowledge of Him
— be a witness of His resurrection
- c. Leaders and their appointment
require prayer
 - 1) God alone knows the heart
 - 2) God alone chooses
- d. Leaders and their appointment
require congregational consultation

- 21 Therefore it is necessary
to choose one of the men
who have been with us the whole time
the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
- 22 Beginning from John's baptism
to the time when Jesus was taken up from us.
For one of these must become
a witness with us of his resurrection."
- 23 So they proposed two men:
Joseph called Barsabbas
(also known as Justus)
and Mathias.
- 24 Then they prayed,
"Lord, you know everyone's heart.
Show us which of these two you have chosen
- 25 To take over this apostolic ministry,
which Judas left
to go where he belongs."
- 26 Then they cast lots,
and the lot fell to Mathias;
so he was added to the eleven apostles.