

## *the remotest part of the earth*

#1, assembled in the upper room – Acts 1:1-26

Leaving Jerusalem they walked together toward the Mount of Olives. On the way Jesus continued to instruct them. His final commandment to them was: Luke 24:47-48 “forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 “You are witnesses of these things.

Then He gave them a promise. Luke 24:49 “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Their journey had covered about two miles and circling around to the east slope of the mount, they came to Bethany where He was taken up.

**Theophilus**, the person to whom Luke inscribes his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles (Luke 1:1; Acts 1:1).

Unger’s Bible Dictionary

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

[1.] v:1-2, The first account, **What events does the book of Luke cover?**

[2.] v:3, many convincing proofs, **Write down some of these proofs.**

[3.] v:4-5, what the Father had promised, **What was it that God had promised?**

[4.] v:6, they were asking Him, **What were the disciples looking forward to?**

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7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, " Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. 14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

[5.] v:7, not for you to know, Why or why won't one know about their tomorrows?

[6.] v:8, but you will receive, After Christ revealed a coming event, what command did He give to the disciples?

[7.] v:8 again, Why or why wasn't this command also for their posterity?

[8.] v:9-11, two men in white clothing, Why would God have angels talk to the disciples?

[9.] v:9-11, What message did the two men give the disciples?

[10.] v:12-14, they returned According to v:4, how were they obedient to Christ's instructions?

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15 At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, 16 "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David (Ps 69:25) concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

17 "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." 18 Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.

19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms,

Psalm 69:25, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT' ; and, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.'

21 "Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us – 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

[11.] v:51-16, a guide to those who arrested Jesus. In your own words, write down this event? (Matt 26:47-50, Mk 14:43-46, Lk 22:47-48, Jn 18:2-4)

[12.] v:17-18, From the account of Matt 27:2-10, why might you say that Judas was sorry for this act?

[13.] v:19, In God's infinite wisdom, how did He assure that the Jews learned of this momentous event?

[14.] v:20, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE, In this verse, what is the "literal" meaning of "OFFICE" ?

[15.] v:21-22, the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, What "time" does this mean to you?

[16.] v:21-22 again, Therefore it is necessary, The two verses specify the criterion for any man who would be considered for the vacant "office". Write down the requirements.

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23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

[17.] v:23, So they put forward, How many men were qualified and what were their names?

[18.] v:24, And they prayed, This is confusing! We just got through going over the requirements for the guys and how they found some men to fit them. How come they then had to slow up the process by praying?

[19.] v:24 again, who know the hearts of all men, Why would "knowing the hearts" be important?

[20.] v:25, apostleship, We are used to these guys being called disciples. Now scripture is using the term, apostles (v:2) and apostleship. What is the difference?

[21.] v:26, and the lot fell to, Why would they be confident in the falling of the lot?

[22.] What can you take away from this lesson?

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