

Acts 1: 12-26

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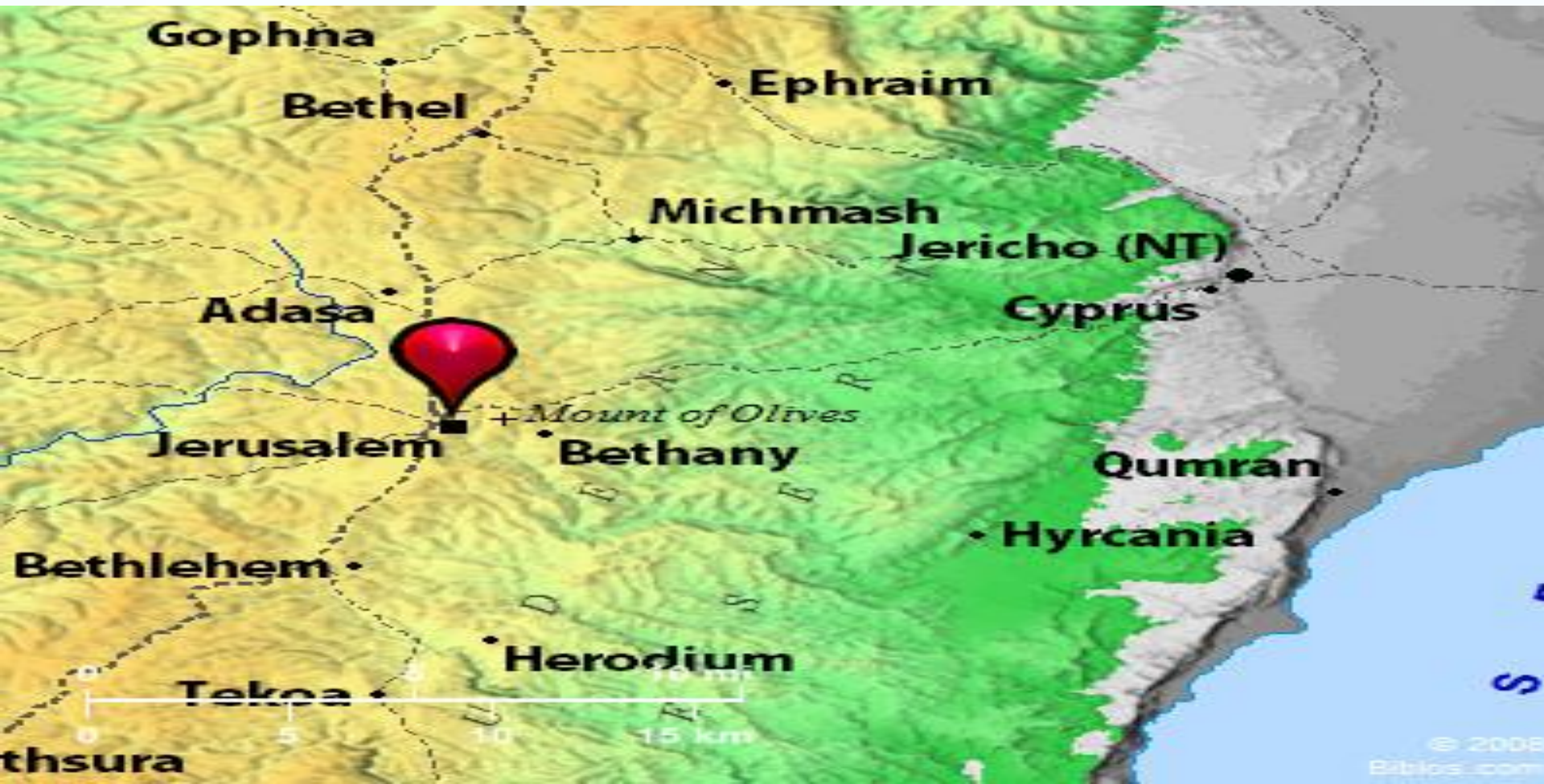
1. They joined together constantly in prayer in choosing a church leader (v. 12–15).
2. There is a need for a church leader: Judas' fate and empty office (v. 16–20).
3. The choosing of Judas' replacement (v. 21–26).

1. Where did the ascension of Jesus take place? (1: 12)

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Mount of Olives

Mountain with olive groves east of ancient Jerusalem, adjacent to the Temple Mount. The site of significant biblical events, including the triumphal entry, arrest, and ascension of Christ.

Luke 21: 37

37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet.

2. How many apostles were still following Christ after his death and resurrection? (1: 13)

Acts 1: 13

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.

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John 14: 13-15

13 “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

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Matt. 13: 55-56

55 “Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”

56 “And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then *did* this man *get* all these things?”

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Matt. 27: 54-56

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

55 Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him.

56 Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Mark 15: 40

40 There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.

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Luke 8: 1-3

1 Soon afterwards, He *began* going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. **The twelve were with Him,**
2 and *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: **Mary who was called Magdalene,** from whom seven demons had gone out,
3 and **Joanna** the **wife of Chuza,** **Herod's steward,** and **Susanna,** and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

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Luke 23: 55

55 Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

Luke 24: 10

10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

John 19: 25

25 Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

4. How did Peter take leadership of the early Christians after Jesus' ascension?
(1: 15-17)

Acts 1: 15-17

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

16 and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.

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Psalms 41: 9

9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

John 13: 18

18 “I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but *it is* that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.’

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Psalms 55: 12-15

12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,
Then I could bear *it*; Nor is it one who hates me
who has exalted himself against me, Then I could
hide myself from him.

13 But it is you, a man my equal, My companion
and my familiar friend;

14 We who had sweet fellowship together Walked
in the house of God in the throng.

15 Let death come deceitfully upon them; Let them
go down alive to Sheol, For evil is in their dwelling,
in their midst.

6. How did Judas betray both Jesus and the other disciples? (1: 16-17)

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7. What happened as a result of Judas's treachery? (1: 18-20)

Acts 1: 18-20

18 (With the payment he received 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.'

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Acts 1: 21-22

21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living 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.”

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Peter initiates the selection process by listing the requirements for Judas's successor.

A-1. He must **have accompanied** the apostles **all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among them—beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up.**

A-2. He would have to have witnessed the Lord's entire earthly ministry, from its inception at His baptism to its culmination at the ascension.

B. He was **a witness with** the other eleven **of His resurrection.**

C. He was to be **chosen by the Lord.**

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A leader (Apostle):

1. Must not only know about Jesus, but know Jesus
2. Must not only profess Jesus, but possess Jesus
3. Must not only believe Jesus lived, but know Jesus lives
4. Must not only read the story of Jesus, but live the life of Jesus
5. Must not only walk after a religion of Jesus, but follow Jesus, the risen Lord Himself
6. Must not only be willing to lead others, but be leading others already (no matter how few)
7. Must not only talk about witnessing, but witness
8. Must not only want the resurrected power of God, but already know the power of God

9. Who was named as the candidates to replace Judas? (1: 23)

Acts 1: 23

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

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Matthias

These men knew the Lord Jesus personally. They had personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and were witnesses of His resurrection power.

10. How did the apostles select the right candidate to succeed Judas and who did they choose? (1: 24-26)

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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 Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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They cast lots, understanding that the one upon whom the lot fell was the Lord's choice.

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Lots: just what was involved in “casting lots” is not really known. It was a method allowed in the Old Testament for making decisions under God’s guidance.

Lev. 16: 8

8 “Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat.

Num. 26: 55

55 “But the land shall be divided by lot. They shall receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

Pro. 16: 33

33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the Lord.