

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CHAPTER ONE

I. THE POST RESURRECTION OF JESUS (ACTS 1:1-11 NIV)

Vs.1-3

1. Jesus is alive.

Acts 26:13 (NKJV)

2. Jesus gives them certainty of their faith in Him.

Luke 24:44-49 (NKJV)

Vs.4-5 (NIV)

1. Jesus commands them to wait on the promised Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:48-49 (NKJV); John 14:15-27 (NKJV)

Vs.6-8 (NIV)

1. The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom.

John 18:36 (NKJV)

a. The Kingdom of God is for all the peoples of the earth.

b. The Kingdom of God is ever expanding.

As Christians, we have the profound privilege of being His witnesses of this great Gospel

Where? Here, there and everywhere! From our neighborhoods to the nations.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV); II Corinthians 5:16-21(NKJV)

Vs.9-11(NIV)

1. Jesus's ascension is further proof that we can trust God's promises.

John 14:1-3 (NKJV)

II. WAITING AND EXPECTING (ACTS)1:12-26 (NIV)

Judas (Vs.16-21 NIV)

Jesus did not make a mistake with Judas. As mysterious as it may seem, Judas, his denial and destruction, were a fulfillment of the plans and purposes of God (Psalm 9:7-8 (NKJV); Proverbs 16:33 NKJV)

Question:

1. What did the Disciples do as they waited?

a. They devoted themselves to **simple** and **practical obedience**. (V.12 NIV)

Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV)

b. They committed themselves to **fellowship** with one another. (V.14 NIV)

Philippians 2:1-2 (NKJV)

c. They were constant in **prayer**. (V.14 NIV)

d. They studied **God's Word**. (Vs.15-16 NIV)

Luke 24:27 (NKJV)

e. They were obedient to **God's Word** and trusted God's **sovereignty**. (Vs.20-26 NIV)

While they waited, they were faithful to do what they knew to do. What are you doing as you wait?

III. THOUGHTS ON THE REPLACEMENT OF JUDAS WITH MATTHIAS:

1. Appointing the 12 apostles was a unique situation and a choice that was made by God. The New Testament gives us all the guidelines we need for the selecting of leaders to serve the Church.

The casting of lots is not required

2. Since Jesus is on the throne and is the true head of the Church every other leader is replaceable.

Jesus can be trusted to ultimately lead and shepherd His bride, the Church!