

THE DAILY FLIP DEVOTIONAL

*Learning to live life upside down,
one day at a time*

Scripture

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When 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 Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and 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. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

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. ¹⁹Everyone 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,

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"May another take his place of leadership.'

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning 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."

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Study Questions

Monday:

Why did the apostles return to Jerusalem and wait? See Acts 1:4. Given the great commission, they may have thought they should be out preaching the gospel, but they were told to wait so they did. Have you had times in your life where God asked you to be still? What was your response?

Tuesday:

Have you ever prayed with others toward a common goal? If so, describe the experience. How do you feel about praying together with your group?

Wednesday:

What is the specific qualification for apostleship, according to Peter? (1:21-22)

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Thursday:

Who chose the original Twelve Apostles? ([Mark 3:13, 14](#)) Who then should logically choose the new Apostle?

Friday:

After our second week in Acts, what are some things you learned that you did not know before? What stood out to you this week from Pastor Kevin's message?

TODAY @ THE FLIPSIDE

Milestones

The First Steps of the Church

Speaker: Pastor Kevin Reynolds

Notes: