

Acts 1:15-26 **Appointment of Matthias as replacement for Judas Iscariot**

¹⁵ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶ Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; ¹⁷ for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms:

'Let his dwelling place be desolate,
And let no one live in it';

and,

'Let another take his office.'

²¹ "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." ²³ And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Twelve Apostles had been appointed by Jesus Himself. [[Luke 6:12-13](#), [Matthew 10:2-4](#)]
- ✚ The criterion for selection had been given by Jesus [[John 15:27](#)]
- ✚ The end result for the Apostles is to sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel, so there is a need for twelve Apostles in number. [[Matthew 19:28](#)]
 - ✧ They needed to have been with Jesus from the beginning (the Baptism of John), and eyewitnesses of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. [[John 15:27](#), [Acts 1:21-22](#)]
- ✚ The number of those waiting in the Upper Room had grown to 120 persons including the women. [[Acts 1:15](#)]
- ✚ Judas had been among the Apostles appointed by Jesus, but had fallen from his Apostleship and lost his salvation when he betrayed Jesus and perished with a curse according to prophecy of David and of Jesus. [[Matthew 26:24](#), [Mark 14:21](#), [Luke 22:22](#), [Psalm 109:8](#)]
 - ✧ Prophetic Scripture again is fulfilled.
- ✚ Judas had gone to his place in perdition according Jesus and Peter. [[John 17:12](#), [Acts 1:25](#)]
- ✚ Peter again demonstrated his leadership qualities.
- ✚ Two candidates were selected by the Apostles.
- ✚ The choice between them was done by prayer and casting of lots.
- ✚ Matthias was selected and appointed to replace Judas Iscariot.