
SERMON OUTLINE

Choosing leaders

Acts 1:9-26

Introduction: When Jesus left earth, he put the apostles in charge of building His church (Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:2, 8).

I. **Jesus left earth physically, but promised to return (Acts 1:9-11).**

A. The Ascension: Jesus visually and bodily ascended into heaven (1:9).

B. The Angels: Two angels appear telling the disciples Jesus will come back just as literally as they saw him leave (1:10-11).

Doctrinal Note: Jesus will come back first to take believers to heaven (*The Rapture* – John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and then to judge the earth (*The 2nd Coming* – Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 26:64 etc.)

II. **The Apostles chose Matthias as an apostle to replace Judas (Acts 1:12-26).**

A. Regrouping as leaders since Jesus was gone: The need for fellowship and prayer (1:12-14).

B. Replacing an apostle since Judas was gone: The need for qualified spiritual leadership (1:15-26)

1. Peter explains the need to replace wicked Judas who betrayed Christ (1:15-20; see Matt. 27:3-10)

○ There must be 12 apostles as Christ's witnesses (Luke 22:28-30; Revelation 21:14).

2. The Apostles chose Matthias (1:21-26).

○ An apostle must be someone who served with Jesus and saw Him after he was resurrected.

How to select who God wants as leaders (Acts 1:23-25)

- Personal insights about obvious spiritual qualities
- Prayer
- Cultural methods to make final selections that a group can agree is God's will

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