

E. They affirmed Judas should be replaced in obedience to Scripture.

*For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.' ACTS 1:20*

**IV. THE BELIEVERS PREPARED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT BY SEEKING \_\_\_\_\_ REPLACEMENT FOR JUDAS ACTS 1:21-26**

*Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us – beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. ACTS 1:21-26*

The Qualifications for the Twelve Apostles:

1. Consistent participation throughout the ministry of Jesus (v. 21)
2. A witness of the resurrected Christ (v. 22)
3. A person chosen by Christ (v. 26)

Question: Is your heart prepared for the Holy Spirit's control?

- Active obedience?
- Unity with community?
- Devoted to prayer?
- Honor God's Word?

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“The Preparation for the Power”  
ACTS 1:12-26

**MAIN THOUGHT: THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH BELIEVERS PREPARED FOR SERVICE**

**I. THE BELIEVERS PREPARED FOR THE SPIRIT THROUGH THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ TO CHRIST ACTS 1:12-14**

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 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. These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. ACTS 1:12-14*

*Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; ACTS 1:4*

Note: “Sabbath day's journey” is about 3/4 of a mile.

- A. The apostles obeyed immediately.
- B. The apostles obeyed completely.

II. THE BELIEVERS PREPARED FOR THE SPIRIT  
THROUGH CHRIST CENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  
ACTS 1:14

*These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers (120 total).* ACTS 1:14

- A. The community enjoyed spiritual unity.  
“one mind”
- B. The community engaged in persistent prayer.  
“continually devoting themselves to prayer,”
- C. The community included devoted members of Jesus’ family.  
“Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brothers”
  - ▶ Mary is presented in Scripture as a godly woman who bore Jesus through the miracle of the virgin birth. She married Joseph and gave birth to sons James, Joses, Judas and Simon. Mary acknowledged herself as in need of a Savior (Luke 1:46-48) Jesus discouraged veneration of Mary (Luke 11:27-28).
  - ▶ James was the lead elder in Jerusalem Church and wrote the epistle of James.
  - ▶ Judas wrote the epistle of Jude.

III. THE BELIEVERS PREPARED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ SCRIPTURE ACTS 1:15-22

*At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there*

*together), and said, “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT;’ and, ‘LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.’ Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us – beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” ACTS 1:15-22*

- A. They affirmed the prophetic accuracy of Scripture.  
“the Scripture had to be fulfilled” ACTS 1:15-16a
- B. They affirmed the Spirit’s inspiration of Scripture.  
“which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David” ACTS 1:16b
- C. They affirmed Judas’ betrayal was predicted by Scripture.  
“concerning Judas who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus” ACTS 1:16c
- D. They affirmed the historical fulfillment of Judas’ death.  
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ACTS 18-19