



Jesus' Ascension & Judas' Replacement Acts 1

Introduction

Everything Jesus came to earth to do has been accomplished. A 3-year mission shared with 11 men is about to come to an end. As Luke begins the "*Second Treatise*," he records the parting moments between Jesus and His apostles on the Olivet mountaintop. Though He will no longer be with them physically, He repeats His promise that He will not leave them abandoned. The Helper is coming to guide them.

The Ascension (1:1-11)

- 1) How does Luke reference "*Volume 1*" of his "*2-Volume Set*?" (v. 1) What points does he begin & end with re: Jesus' earthly existence? (vv. 1-2a)

- 2) How does Luke record the post-resurrection life of Jesus? (v. 3; cp. 1 Cor. 15:5-7) How long was He on the earth following His resurrection?

- 3) After gathering the apostles together, of what did Jesus remind them? (vv. 4-5) When had He previously mentioned this?

- 4) Re: "not many days..." how long were they going to have to wait? (cp. v. 3; 2:1; Lev. 23:15-16)

- 5) What question did the apostles have for Jesus? (v. 6; cp. v. 3b) What kind of thinking do they continue to show, even after Jesus' death, burial, & resurrection? (cp. Lk. 22:24)

The Two Treatises

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- 6) How did Jesus answer them? (v. 7) Upon what does He want them to focus? (v. 8; cp. v. 5)

- 7) Following this discussion, what happened? (v. 9; cp. Eph. 1:19b-23) Who else appeared and what did they say? (vv. 10-11; cp. 1 Thess. 4:15-18)

The New Apostle (1:12-26)

- 8) Where did the apostles go? (v. 12) Who is mentioned as being present with them? (vv. 13-14; cp. Jn. 7:2-5) How many were present? (v. 15b)

- 9) Who speaks? (v. 15a) What was his message? (vv. 16-17, 20-22) What information does Luke record to corroborate Peter's words? (vv. 18-19; cp. Mt. 27:3-10)

- 10) What were the "qualifications" for one to be a witness for Jesus with the apostles? (vv. 21-22)
Thought question: is this important for any reasons today?

- 11) Who were eligible to replace Judas? (v. 23) What did the apostles do in connection with replacing Judas? (v. 24a) Who "qualified" to take Judas' place? (vv. 24b-25)

- 12) How was this "selection" settled? (v. 26a; cp. Prov. 16:33) From then on, how was Matthias regarded? (v. 26b)