

Waiting for the Holy Spirit, part 2

Acts 1:12-26

“...it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”

Luke 1:3-4

Four things that needed to happen while the apostles waited for the Holy Spirit

1. Receive their commission from Jesus (6-8)
2. Witness Jesus' ascension into heaven (9-11)
3. Persevere in prayer (12-14)
4. Replace Judas with Matthias (15-26)

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Mount of Olives - view from the southwest
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Olive trees on Thassos, Greece
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Luke 6:14-16

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Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Luke 8:1-3

The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared...

...Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles...

Luke 23:55-24:1, 10

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:24-25

And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:52-53

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...

Luke 24:45

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Acts 1:18-19

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,

and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

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Acts 1:20

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.”

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Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:6

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While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:12

Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Psalms 41:9

May their camp be a desolation;
let no one dwell in their tents.

Psalm 69:25

May his days be few;
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Psalm 109:8

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Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”

Matthew 27:3-6

So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Matthew 27:7-10

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And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:33

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And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel.

Leviticus 16:8

The lot is cast into the lap,

but its every decision is from the LORD.

Proverbs 16:33

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5