

## Making Decisions

Acts 1:15-26

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### I. Fulfilled prophecy. Acts 1:15-17

Notice, "And in those days". There were \_\_\_\_ days between the Ascension of Christ and the Day of Pentecost when the 120 followers of Christ received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- **John 12:6** *This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the \_\_\_\_\_ box; and he used to take what was put in it. NKJV*

*Isn't ironic that after something has taken place, we can look back and recognize the LORD's hand on the situation?* What Judas did was evil, but Peter recognized it was \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

### II. The remorse of Judas. Acts 1:18-20

We believe that all scripture was given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who gave it to holy men who wrote the Books of the Bible. We believe the Bible is perfect in its \_\_\_\_\_ writing.

- It was a **Field of Blood** because Judas died there and because the field was bought with the "blood \_\_\_\_\_" from Judas.

**Psalm 109:8** *Let his days be few and let \_\_\_\_\_ take his office.*

### III. A roll of the dice. Acts 1:21-26

The twelfth Apostle had to be around during Jesus' whole earthly ministry, beginning at John's baptism, be an eyewitness to the resurrection, and be a witness to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

- The last time casting lots was used in scripture was in **Acts 1**, which happened before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in believers, which occurred after Pentecost in **Acts 2**.

After the LORD chose \_\_\_\_\_ as an Apostle, he became the most prominent Apostle in the New Testament, so some say he should have been the twelfth Apostle.

### IV. Conclusion.

1. The Disciples \_\_\_\_\_ by waiting for the Holy Spirit.
2. The Disciples were in \_\_\_\_\_, prayer, and fellowship as they waited for the promise from the Father.
3. The Disciples also studied the \_\_\_\_\_ and desired to do God's will.

4. The Disciples used their common sense and did what they could do to \_\_\_\_\_ on God, as they waited.

### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

1. Read **Acts 1:15-17**. *Why did Peter say Judas betrayed Jesus? If the betrayal was predestined to happen, was Judas innocent of the death of Jesus?*  
**John 12:3-6, John 6:70-71, John 13:26-27, John 18:1-6, Psalm 41:9, Matthew 27:3-4**
2. Discuss the LORD's permissive will and His ultimate will.  
**Romans 1:24-25, Matthew 5:28-29, 1 Samuel 8:4-22, 2 Samuel 11-12**
3. Read **Acts 1:18-20** and **Matthew 27:4-8**. Discuss the apparent contradiction in these passages. *How can these two accounts be reconciled? Did Judas repent by returning the money? Is there a possibility Judas got saved?*  
**2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 109:6-8, Psalm 69:25, John 12:6, John 17:12, Matthew 26:24**
4. Read **Acts 1:21-26**. Discuss what casting lots was. *What is the significance of this being the last time in scripture that casting lots was used? Were the qualifications for a new Apostle given from the LORD? Discuss the pros and cons of whether the Apostles casting lots for a new Apostle was from the LORD as discussed in the sermon.*  
**Proverbs 16:33, Matthew 27:35, Jonah 1:7, Leviticus 16:8, Numbers 26:55**
5. Discuss the four points of the conclusion of the sermon.  
**Romans 6:16, Philippians 1:27, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22**