

SESSION 2
Acts 1.12-26

Last time we focused upon how the things Jesus did in His time on earth for us, from the time of the Nativity to the Ascension, form the platform for us to receive His instruction and thus faith and trust in Him. We understood that the Kingdom of God is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit as we look upon Jesus' life and teachings.

V 12 What do you think was the main topic of conversation amongst the disciples as they journeyed from the Mt of Olives back to Jerusalem?

V 13 What do you make of the order in which the disciples are listed by Luke?

V 14 There are at least 5 important reflections inspired by this verse. What do you see in them?

V 15 -17 What is particularly remarkable about Peter in this account?

Mtt 16.13-18

Jn 21.15-19

Ps 41.9

V 18-19 The Judas Parenthesis Mt 27.4

Innate depravity in character + Satanic presence = the most ignominious betray in human history.

V 20 What is the significance of Peter's quoting these verses? Ps 69.25 Ps 109.8

V 21 -22 What are the qualifications Peter identifies for apostleship?

Of all the events that unfolded in Christ's earthly ministry, why do you think Peter fastens apostleship upon the witness of the Resurrection?

"The central element of the apostolic message was the Resurrection of Christ. There are 11 references to it in chapters 1-13. As the passages show, the disciples proclaimed Christ's Resurrection not simply as the resuscitation of one who had been dead, but as the evidence and proof of the fact that God had exalted Jesus to the position of Messiah and Lord; His resurrection was at the same time His exaltation and enthronement as Leader and Savior." H Lindsell cf Acts 2.26, 5.30-32

V 23-26 By what means is the new apostle chosen?

Pr 16.33 Ex 28.30