

UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission

Lesson Four • Acts 1:15-26

The Authority of Scripture

Daring to Be the Church On Mission

We must be committed to the absolute AUTHORITY of Scripture.

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas..." Acts 1:15-16

"For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his habitation be desolate, and let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'" Acts 1:20

The Authority of Scripture

1. The SUICIDE of the Betrayer of Jesus Fulfilled Scripture.

(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) Acts 1:18-19

What Happened to Judas?

Judas is the man who kissed the "door of heaven," but went to HELL.

"to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Acts 1:25

Does the "Spirit of Judas" Live in You?

Judas is a solemn reminder that it is possible to be a friend of Jesus, associate with other Christ-followers, and still not be a true BELIEVER.

Why Is the Story of Judas in Acts 1? What Is the Purpose?

The story of Judas illustrates that God's purposes are UNSTOPPABLE.

2. The SELECTION of the Apostle of Jesus Fulfilled Scripture!

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The Selection of Another Apostle:

➤ The QUALIFICATION of a true apostle is given.

"Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." Acts 1:21-22

➤ The NOMINATION of two men is proposed.

And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. Acts 1:23

➤ The SUPPLICATION to the Lord is prayed.

And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship..." Acts 1:24

➤ The ELECTION of a new apostle is confirmed.

And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Acts 1:26

Three Questions for Application

Am I committed to the absolute authority of God's Word?

Am I willing to saturate my mind with God's Word?

Am I willing to submit my life to God's Word?