



# Acts

THE CHURCH IN MOTION

**8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

**Acts 1:8**

**This is an organizing verse and theme for the whole book of Acts.**

**Acts 1:12-16**  
**THE WAITING WITNESSES**

**12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.**

**15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”**

**18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “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 “Let another take his office.’**

**21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 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.” 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.**

**24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**

**Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)**



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**Can you trust God's when you're in a  
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- 2) To teach us about the apostles**



**What is special and unique about the apostles?**

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**THEIR ROLE  
and  
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**“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are fellow citizens with the saints and  
members of the household of God, built on the  
foundation of the apostles and prophets.”**

**Ephesians 2:19-20**

**What do we have in common with the  
apostles?**

**THE SAME MISSION  
and  
THE SAME SPIRIT**

**The mission is clear  
and  
the Spirit is here!**



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