



CHOOSING CORRECTLY
ACTS 1:15-26

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BACKDROP

- Recall Judas Iscariot hanged himself after selling the Lord out for 30 pieces of silver. **Matthew 27:3-9**
- So, one of the apostles' first orders of business was to choose Judas' replacement.
 - *... Let another take his place. Acts 1:20*
- An editorial comment -- Never think that you are indispensable (that people cannot get along without you)!
- In selecting Judas' replacement, the apostles provide an effective pattern to follow when making important, enduring decisions.
 - **Remember, these would be the men to lead the charge in witnessing for the Lord and getting the Church off the ground.**



THE PROCESS

1. Establish the Criteria **(and stick to it)**

- *“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*
- Some decisions are too important to be made on the “buddy system” or “the good ol’ boy network.”

2. Review and Carefully Consider the Alternatives

- *And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. Acts 1:23*
- Do not rush needlessly; be deliberate and sober.



3. Pray for God's Wisdom and Guidance

- *And they prayed and said, "You O Lord, who knows the hearts, show us which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which time Judas by transgression fell . . ."*
Acts 1:24-25

4. Make the Decision Accordingly

- *And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. **Acts 1:26***
- Have no regrets or buyer's remorse!



LORD'S INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL

- **Be added to the Lord's body**

Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7; Romans 10:17);

Believe the gospel (Acts 8:37,15:7);

Repent of sins (Acts 2:38);

Confess Christ (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10);

Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38).



LORD'S INVITATION (CONT'D)

- Be reconciled unto the Lord (**I John 1:8-9**); or
- Desire prayer. (**James 5:16**).

