

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"The Path of Power"**  
**Acts 1:12-26**  
**Study-3**

**Luke 11:1**

**The Book of Acts reveals "The Acts of God"**

- 1. Verses 12-14 – First Prayer Meeting**
- 2. Verses 15-26 – First Business Meeting**

**1. Verses 12-14 – First Prayer Meeting:**

Acts 1:12

Acts 1:9-11

The Ascension of Jesus is God's stamp of approval that Jesus has accomplished all. He has dominion over all things, that He has now been received into heaven to His rightful place.

Acts 1:13

The List of The Apostles of Jesus: Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16;

(1#) Peter or Simon Peter or Cephus – "Rock, or stone"

(2-3#) John and James (sons of Zebedee) were called "The Sons of Thunder."

Luke 9:52-54

James - The first Apostle to be martyred for the Lord. Acts 12:2; Mark 10:39

John Was called "The Beloved" and "The apostle of love,"

(4#) Andrew – was Peter's brother; He was the eager one to bring people to Jesus. He was the one who brought Peter to the Lord.

(5#) Philip – He was the questioning attitude, tried to figure out how Jesus could feed the 5000 people. John 6:5

(6#) Thomas – (Didymus – “Twin”) Known for his courage and his doubt. He one time said that all the disciples should go with Jesus to Bethany to die with Jesus (John 11). He also doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead.

(7#) Bartholomew – (Nathanael) – John 1:45-51 Honest but straight forwardness. Jesus said he was an honest man, and a true son of Israel.

(8#) Matthew – (In His Gospel Calls himself a tax-gatherer) He writes the gospel of Matthew.

(9#) James the son of Alphaeus – “James the less” that had to live in the shadow of James the son of (James, son of Zebedee) This James is only mentioned three times in the Bible, each time in connection with his mother. Mark 15:40; Mark 16:1; Matthew 27:56

(10#) Simon the Zealot – One of the fanatical Jewish patriots known as “The Zealots,” whose purpose was to deliver Israel from the tyranny of Rome. They were known as “Dagger Men,” or today “The Shooter.”

(11#) Judas the son of James – Thaddaeus – “Judas son of James,” called Thaddaeus because later the bad association with the name Judas. John 14:22

Judas Iscariot will be covered in Verses 16-26 – The name Judas means “the praise of God”, which was a popular name in his day.

Apostles are an encouragement to us today. After all, if God could use them, can He not use us?

1 Cor. 1:26-29

Acts 1:14

John 1:12

Acrostic – ACTS: A–Adoration, C–Confession, T–Thanksgiving, S–Supplication

Obedience And Prayer Go Together: Acts 1:4

Unity – one mind (one accord)

Persistence – Continually Devoted To Prayer: were continually devoting themselves to prayer,

1 Thess 5:17

Col 4:2

and with His brothers. John 7:5

## **2. Verses 15-26 – First Business Meeting:**

Acts 1:15-16

Scripture And Prayer Go Together: "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David

Psalms 41:9

Acts 1:17-18

Matt 27:6-10

Matt. 27:3-5

Acts 1:19-20

Psalms 69, 109

The Qualifications For The Twelve Apostles –

Acts 1:21-22

1. With Jesus From John The Baptist To The Ascension –
2. Witness of His Resurrection –

Acts 1:23-24

Note The Purpose of Prayer: show which one of these two Thou hast chosen

Acts 1:25-26

And they drew lots for them; this was common in the OT times. Even the High Priests used Urim and Thummim (Lights and Perfections) – Num 27:21

Prov. 16:33

The Bible contains both "Prescriptive" and "Descriptive"; just because the Bible records something, the Bible is not endorsing it.

**Application:**

1. Jesus Calls Ordinary and Common Persons:
2. Obedience And Prayer Go Together:
3. Continually Devoted To Prayer:
4. Scripture And Prayer Go Together:
5. The Purpose of Prayer: show which one of these two Thou hast chosen