

THE BOOK OF  
**ACTS**  
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 1: 12-26

Message + Mission + Multiply

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## Acts 1:12 NIV

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# Question

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Where did the  
ascension take place?

## Acts 1:12 NIV

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# Question

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How far is the  
Mount of Olives  
from Jerusalem?

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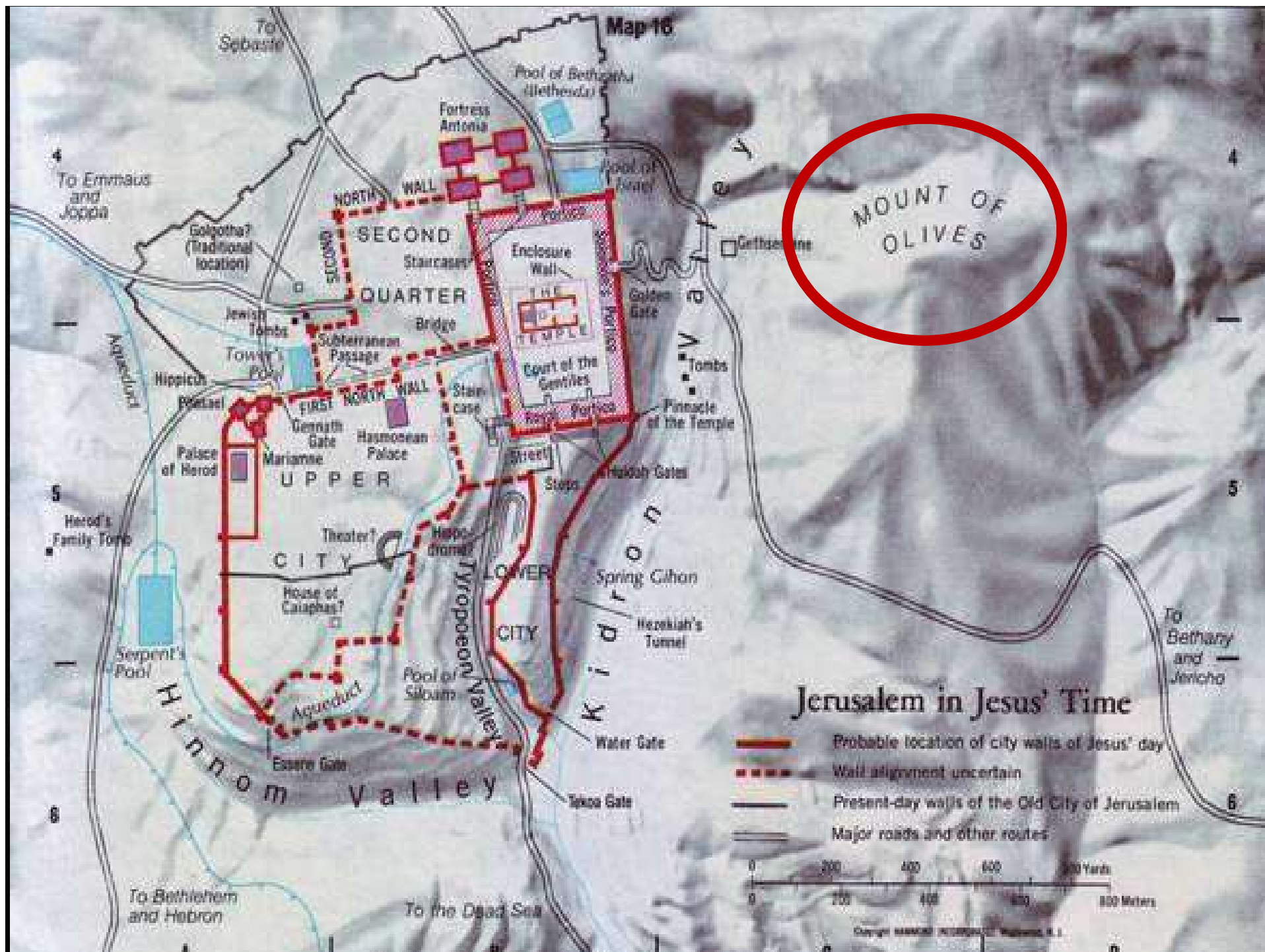


# Sabbath Days Journey

2000 cubits

3000 feet

Little over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile





## Acts 1:13 NIV

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# Question

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What was the upper room used for?



## Acts 9: 36-37 NASB

*Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did.*



## Acts 9: 36-37 NASB

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*And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, **they laid it in an upper room.***

# Question

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What other event  
occurred in an upper  
room?



Luke 22: 7-12 NIV

*Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."*



## Luke 22: 7-12 NIV

*“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked. He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters,*



## Luke 22: 7-12 NIV

and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."



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## Acts 1:14 NIV

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*They all joined together  
constantly in prayer,  
along with the women and  
Mary the mother of Jesus,  
and with his brothers.*



## Question

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What were they doing  
in the upper room?

# Question

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How often were they  
praying?



Question

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Why were they  
praying?

## Acts 1:15 NIV

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*In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)*



## Question

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Look at what God did  
with 120 Christians,  
what are the  
possibilities for a  
Church 3 times that  
size?



## Acts 1: 16 NIV

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*and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.*



Question

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Who is saying this?

## Acts 1:15 NIV

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## Question

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Is Peter's response different than when he was previously told about the fulfillment of prophecy?



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Please turn to:  
Matthew 16: 21-22

## Matthew 16: 21-22 NIV

*From that time on Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life*



## Matthew 16: 21-22 NIV

*Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.*

***"Never, Lord!"** he said.*

***"This shall never  
happen to you!"***

## Acts 1:16 NIV

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# Question

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Do you think Jesus  
knew from the  
beginning who would  
betray him?

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*Please turn to:*

*Psalm 41: 9*



## Psalm 41:9 NIV

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*Even my close friend,  
someone I trusted,  
one who shared my bread,  
has turned against me.*

# Question

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How would you act  
around someone who  
you knew would  
betray you?



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*Please turn to:*

*John 13: 21-22*

## John 13: 21-22 NIV

*After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."*



John 13: 21-22 NIV

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*His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant.*

## Question

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What is the significance of the fact that none of the disciples knew who would betray Jesus when He knew all along who it was?



## Acts 1:17 NIV

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*He was one of our number  
and shared in our  
ministry.*”

# Question

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What is the significance  
to us today that Judas  
shared in the disciples  
ministry?



## Acts 1: 18 NIV

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*(With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.*

## Acts 1:19 NIV

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*Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)*



## Acts 1: 20 NIV

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*“For,” said Peter, “it is written  
in the Book of Psalms:*

*“‘May his place be deserted;  
let there be no one to dwell  
in it,’*

*(Psalm 69: 25)*

Acts 1: 20 NIV

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*and,*

*“May another take his  
place of leadership.”*

(Psalm 109:8)



## Question

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Why does Peter say  
that they must  
choose a replacement  
for Judas?

## Acts 1: 20 NIV

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## Acts 1: 21 NIV

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**necessary** to choose one  
of the men who have been  
with us the whole time the  
Lord Jesus was living  
among us,

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For it is written...  
Therefore it is  
necessary!



# Question

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What can we learn  
from this?

# Question

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What are the  
qualifications to be  
chosen to replace  
Judas?



## Acts 1: 21 NIV

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## Acts 1: 22 NIV

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# Question

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What is the purpose  
of the replacement  
disciple?

## Acts 1: 22 NIV

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## Acts 1: 23 NIV

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*So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.*

# Question

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What should we do if  
we have a difficult  
decision to make?



## Acts 1: 24 NIV

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**Then they prayed,** “Lord,  
you know everyone’s  
heart. Show us which of  
these two you have chosen

# Question

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What is the most important character that God looks at for leadership?



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Please turn to:

1 Samuel 16: 7

## 1 Samuel 16: 7 NIV

*But the Lord said to Samuel,  
“Do not consider his  
appearance or his height, for I  
have rejected him. The Lord  
does not look at the things  
people look at. People look at  
the outward appearance, but  
the Lord looks at the  
heart.”*



## Acts 1: 24-25 NIV

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*Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”*

## Acts 1: 26 NIV

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*Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.*



# Question

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What is casting lots?

Casting lots was a method used by the Jews of the Old Testament and by the Christian disciples prior to Pentecost to determine the will of God. Lots could be sticks with markings, stones with symbols, etc., which were cast onto the ground and were then interpreted.





- Leviticus 16:8, "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat."
- 1 Chronicles 25:8, "And they cast lots for their duties, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the pupil."



- Psalm 22:18, "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."
- Matthew 27:35, "And when they had crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots."

## Question

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What two things do we have today that the disciples at that time did not have that allows us to find God's will without having to cast lots?



1. The complete  
Word of God!

2. The Indwelling  
Holy Spirit!

Next Week

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Please read

Acts 2: 1-41