
ORIGINS:

*From the Birth of the
New Testament Church to
You*

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FAMILY/GROUP SESSION 1

WATCH OR LISTEN TO THE SERMON AT
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GROUP OR FAMILY IN THE BIBLE PASSAGE THAT
FOLLOWS



ACTS 1:21-26

Watch Sermon 1 of the Origins series (on Acts 1:1-22) at www.JesseCampbellMinistries.com, then pick up as a group where Jesse left off.

CONTEXT:

Properly expositing the Scripture

While the Gospels and the historical books of the Bible tell the story of what happened, the Book of Acts tells the story of what is still happening. Did you know that there are red letters in some Bible translations in the opening chapter of Acts? Indeed, Jesus spoke in the Book of Acts.

THE BIG IDEA:

What is the main thing in this text?

God's sovereign plan was at work through the twelve disciples - even through Judas' betrayal of Jesus, subsequent suicide, and seemingly randomized replacement. Today, we have inherited their ministry as apostles.

THE BIBLE TEXT:

from the Christian Standard Bible

Acts 1:21 “Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us—from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection.” 23 So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “You, Lord, know everyone’s hearts; show which of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

QUESTIONS

Applying our lives to the text, book-by-book together

- **Why was it important that the new apostle be present from the baptism of John until the ascension of Jesus?**



MORE ?'S

- **With whom will you share this week about your own firsthand encounter with Jesus?**
- **Why was it necessary that the eleven apostles become twelve apostles?**
- **Why do the apostles never cast lots again in Scripture?**
- **How does the Holy Spirit guide believers today? Share a specific personal example with the group.**



THE TAKEAWAY FOR US AS THE CHURCH:

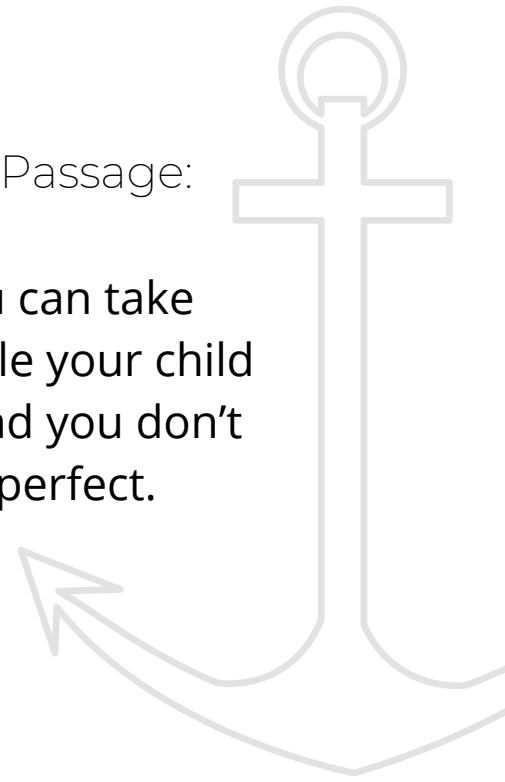
Today, instead of casting lots, we have the Holy Spirit and New Testament Scripture to show us God's sovereign will. We heard the gospel through the ministry of these apostles and now it is our turn to pass it forward.

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FOR PARENTS:

How to Show Your Kids Jesus in This Passage:

All Scripture points to Jesus. Here is how you can take what God showed you in this text and disciple your child with it! You don't need a seminary degree and you don't need to be perfect. Just point to Jesus. He is perfect.



Tell your child about your own firsthand encounter with Jesus just like the apostles' firsthand encounters with Him. Read verses 21,22 of Acts 1 to them. Explain baptism, invite your child to be baptized if he or she is already a believer and has not yet been baptized. Then, pray over your child that, if you are a Christian, he or she would become a witness with you to the resurrection of Jesus.

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