



**Synopsis**

*A snapshot of the chapter*

The book of Acts is designed to pick up the story after the ascension of Jesus back to heaven. It tells of the spreading of Christ's message to the world. The first chapter begins with a reminder to the original recipient, Theophilus, of the closing part of the former writing. He mentions again Jesus' promises to the apostles that the Holy Spirit would come upon them if they would wait there after He left them. The remainder of the chapter deals with a meeting they had while waiting. In this meeting, a replacement was chosen to succeed Judas who had betrayed Jesus. We are told what happened to Judas and how the replacement was selected. The new apostle was named Matthias.

**Observation**—What do you see?

*Important Person(s):*

*Main Event(s):*

**Study Questions:**

1. *How long was it between Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit?*
2. *What was the promise of the Father to the apostles?*
3. *Where would the apostles be witnesses for Christ?*
4. *What were the credentials for selecting the new apostle?*
5. *Who were the two men who met the qualifications and were potential apostles?*

**Questions:**

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- 3.