

“Restoring the Twelve”
Acts 1:12-26

I. We see here the very first meeting of disciples after Jesus ascended (vs. 12-26).

- A. The disciples were assembled in preparation for God to work (vs. 12-14).
- B. The disciples sought God’s will by searching the Scriptures (vs. 15-20).
- C. The disciples acted according to what God revealed to them in His word (vs. 21-26).

(Leviticus 16:6-10; Joshua 18:3-7; 19:51; 23:4; 1 Samuel 14:42; 1 Chronicles 6:65; Nehemiah 10:34; 11:1; Psalm 69:24-25; 109:8; Proverbs 16:33; Isaiah 34:17; Jeremiah 32:6-7, 9-10; Jonah 1:7; Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 26:24; 27:1-10; 28:7; Mark 6:3; Luke 22:29-30; John 2:23-25; 7:5; 17:6-11; Acts 12:23; 15:8; 1 Corinthians 9:5; 15:15:3-8)

II. From this example, we learn three very important truths that should characterize the lives of believers:

- A. We must be prepared for God to use us.
 - 1. We must assemble.
 - 2. We must be united.
 - 3. We must be prayerful.
- B. We must seek God through His word.
- C. We must respond to God with obedience.

(Daniel 9:1-3; Matthew 7:24-27; 2 Timothy 2:20-21)

Scripture References and Notes

continued [προσκαρτερέω (proskartereó)]

- to attend constantly
- I persist, persevere in, continue steadfast in; I wait upon.

- (from *prós*, "towards, interactively *with*" and *karteréō*, "show steadfast strength," derived from *krátos*, "prevailing strength")
- properly, to consistently showing strength which *prevails* (in spite of difficulties); to *endure* (remain firm), *staying* in a *fixed direction*.
- [*proskarteréō* means "to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty – 'to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in'" (*L & N*, 1, 68.68).]
- <https://biblehub.com/greek/4342.htm>
- 10 Occurrences

one accord [ὁμοθυμαδόν (homothumadon)]

- with one mind
- with one mind, unanimously, with one accord, at the same time.
- *homothymadón* (from *homo*, "same" and *thymós*, "passion") – properly, with the *same passion*, in "one accord" (having the same desire).
- ("of the same passion") describes people who share "*like precious faith*," creating a God-produced unity between them (cf. 2 Pet 1:1,2). Here they "have the same mind" (the Lord's thoughts) because each receives the same revelation of His Word. See this powerful application of (*homothymadón*) in Ac 1:14, 2:1,46, 4:24, 5:12, 8:6.
- [There is also the *evil* manifestation of people having "one passion" – see Ac 7:57, 18:12, 19:29.
- (*homothymadón*) is also used in Homer, "Wolves and lambs do not have hearts *to agree* with each other" (*Il.* 22.263, *ala Abbott-Smith*).]
- <https://biblehub.com/greek/3661.htm>
- 11 Occurrences

prayer [προσευχή (proseuché)]

- Prayer
- prayer (to God), (b) a place for prayer (used by Jews, perhaps where there was no synagogue).
- (from *prós*, "towards, exchange" and *euxe*, "a wish, prayer")
- properly, exchange of wishes; *prayer*.
- <https://biblehub.com/greek/4335.htm>
- 37 Occurrences

supplication [δέησις (deésis)]

- a need, entreaty
- supplication, prayer, entreaty.
- (*deō*, "to be *in want, lack*"; see the cognate *deōmai*, "praying for a *specific, felt need*") – heart-*felt* petition, arising out of deep personal need (sense of lack, want).
- [(*dēēsis*) ultimately roots back to *dē* ("really") which likewise implies a *felt need* that is *personal* and *urgent* (*R*, 1149).]
- <https://biblehub.com/greek/1162.htm>
- 18 Occurrences

Mark 6:3

Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

John 7:5

For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

1 Corinthians 15:7

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Matthew 28:7

And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

Matthew 26:24

The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

Luke 22:29-30

²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Jeremiah 32:6-7; 9-10

⁶ And Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁷ ‘Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, “Buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, for the right of redemption *is* yours to buy *it*.” ’ ⁹ So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who *was* in Anathoth, and weighed *out to* him the money—seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ And I signed the deed and sealed *it*, took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales.

Zechariah 11:12-13

¹² Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

¹³ And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.

Acts 12:23

Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Matthew 27:1-10

¹ When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

² And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. ³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*” ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.” ⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, ¹⁰ and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me.*”

Psalms 69:24-25

²⁴ Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. ²⁵ Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

Psalm 109:8

⁷ When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office. ⁹ Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

Acts 15:8

So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us...

John 2:23-25

²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, ²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

John 17:6-11

⁶ “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.

Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the LORD.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Daniel 9:1-3

¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— ² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, **and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, **and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”