

a) Exodus 18:21-22

b) “the remnant of Israel!”

*Acts chronicles the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel with Jesus sitting on His throne reigning over the nation through the 12 who are sitting on twelve thrones judging the tribes of Israel—the church.*

### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- In Acts 1:10-11, the disciples are questioned by two angelic beings. Where do we find these two angels previously? How are their questions in both places similar? What might that tell us about the point being made in this second appearance?
- What are some other texts in the Old and New Testaments that describe the scene of Acts 1:9-11 from the heavenly view rather than the earthly view as we see there?
- Why do you think Acts 2:30-36, the closing portion of Peter's sermon, drew the response from the people it did in 2:37?
- Why is it important for us to know the answer to the question, “Where does our authority come from?” Why does this matter in the world we live in?
- Why is it important to always remember not only that our authority comes from the One who is over every other authority, power, and dominion, but also that we must obey Him as He has made Himself known through the apostles?
- Why was it necessary for Matthias to be chosen to fill Judas' office? Who chose him?
- Why do you think Peter was looking in the Psalms for instructions for what they needed to do? What can we learn from this?

## Why Are You Looking There For Jesus?

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Text: Acts 1:9-26

### Introduction: Hidden Significance

#### I. Why Are You Looking Up There? (9-11)

A. Why are you looking there?

i. Luke 24:4-6

ii. We aren't to look into the sky to see where Jesus went, we are to look somewhere else: *the OT Scriptures and the words of Jesus.*

B. Let's look and see Jesus.

i. Acts 2:30, 33-36

ii. Daniel 7:13-14

iii. Ephesians 2:20-23

iv. Acts 1:9-11 describes the first and essential step in the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel.

C. *The book of Acts is the Kingdom of Christ advancing on the Kingdoms of this world through the army He raises up and empowers through the Holy Spirit.*

i. Psalm 110:1-3

ii. Isaiah 19:1

## II. Why is Peter Looking Here? (20)

A. Peter the theologian

i. Psalm 69:9, 21, 25, 28

ii. Psalm 109:4-5, 8

B. Peter's Insistence

i. Matthias

ii. Something the 1<sup>st</sup> Audience expected is missing.

## III. Look at What's Missing? (12-26)

A. The disciples return to Jerusalem.

i. Acts 1:9-26 expands on Luke 24:50-53.

ii. "a group numbering 120."

iii. Where did Jews go to pray? (Acts 3:1)

iv. Luke 24:53

B. Who was present?

i. "The Eleven"

ii. 2 reasons I think the names are listed here:

a) Listing them belabors the point that \_\_\_\_\_.

b) This is about \_\_\_\_\_ choosing them.

➤ Acts 1:2, 24-25

C. Eleven apostles and 120 disciples. **What's missing?**

i. Luke 22:29-30

ii. Matthew 19:28