

The Ascension (Thursday, May 14, 33)

Mark 16:19–20	Luke 24:50–53	Acts 1:9–14
<p>19 [So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them,</p> <p>He was received up into heaven</p> <p>and sat down at the right hand of God.</p> <p>20 And they went out</p>	<p>50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.</p> <p>51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.</p> <p>52 And they, after worshipping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,</p>	<p>9 And after He had said these things,</p> <p>He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.</p> <p>10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.</p> <p>11 They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”</p> <p>12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.</p> <p>13 When they had entered <i>the city</i>, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James <i>the son</i> of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas <i>the son</i> of James.</p> <p>14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with <i>the women</i>, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.</p>

<p>and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.]</p> <p><i>[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]</i></p>	<p>53 and were continually in the temple praising God.</p>	
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Matthias Added to the Apostles (May 14–24, 33)

Acts 1:15–26

15 At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said,

16 “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

17 For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.”

18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.

19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) [cf. [Matt 27:3–10](#); [Zech 11:13](#)]

20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE,
AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT’; [[Ps 69:25–26](#)]

and,

‘LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE.’ [[Ps 109:8](#)]

21 Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—

22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen

25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.