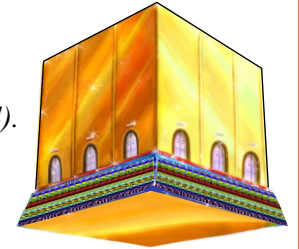


REPLACING JUDAS — ACTS 1:12-26

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Revelation 21:12-20 describes the New Jerusalem as having 12 foundations. 12 gates equals 12 tribes of Israel.
- Jesus spoke of the those who followed Him “judging the twelve tribes of Israel” during the Kingdom (Mt.19:28).
Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Rv.21:14).



THE CASE FOR PAUL

1 Jesus Personally Chose the 12 Apostles

- After Saul's conversion the Lord said to Ananias, “he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name” (Ac.9:15)
But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel (Ac.9:15).

2 Jesus Did Not Choose Matthias

- Jesus was on earth for 40 days after His resurrection. He could have designated another person to take the place of Judas.
- Matthias was chosen by the 11 disciples.

3 The Disciples Were Told to Wait in Jerusalem for the Power of the Holy Spirit

- The 11 did not wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit and yet choose a replacement for Judas on their own.
- The fact that they cast lots to replace Judas shows how the episode was not Spirit led.

4 Paul's Prominence in Acts Shows He was Jesus' Choice

5 Matthias was Never Again Heard from in Scripture



Judas Iscariot

THE CASE FOR MATTHIAS

1 Acts 1 Describes the Apostle's Authoritative Selection

- There is nothing to suggest choosing Matthias was not according to the leading of the Lord.
²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." (Ac.1:24-25).

2 Casting of the Lot was a Biblical Practice Ordained by God

The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD (Pr.16:33).

3 Matthias is Numbered with the 12 Before Paul's Conversion

- On the Day of Pentecost Matthias was considered to be one of the 12.
But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words (Ac.2:14).
- Later, it speaks of the group of 12 (Ac.6:2)
Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. (Ac.6:2).

4 Paul Distinguished Himself From the 12

⁵and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁷After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. (1Co.15:5,7-8).



Matthias



Paul

CONCLUSION

- Paul was neither one of the original 12, nor was he the one chosen to replace Judas. He had a special calling to the Gentiles (Ga.2:9).