

Acts 1:12-26

INTRODUCTION: Jesus begins His Heavenly ministry.

1:12 – 1st step is OBEDIENCE to **1:4**.

- After salvation, there's a “walk” – Romans 6:4, Ephesians 4:1

1:14 – They were BUSY ... didn't get “comfortable”.

1.- **They PRAYED** – **1:14** - “prayer” and “supplication”.

- **1:15** - Many had followed Jesus – Luke 10:1, 10:17

2.- **They Examined The SCRIPTURES** – **1:16**

- God's plan will be accomplished ... with or without us.

- **1:17** – From Psalm 41:9.

- **1:18-19** – A description of the suicide of Judas.

- The Spirit would bring these to their remembrance – John 14:26

3.- **They GOT TO WORK** – **1:21**

- “Therefore” – They wanted to fill the vacancy left by Judas.

- They wanted a “quick fix” to the problem ... see **1:6**

They acted in the flesh ... this wasn't God's will.

1 **PAUL was supposed to be the “12th Apostle”** – Rev. 21:14

- Galatians 1:1 – They should have waited on Jesus.

1 **Look at the CRITERION** – **1:21-22**

- This was THEIR criterion, not Jesus' criterion – 2 Tim. 1:11

2 **They COULDN'T DECIDE** – **1:23**

- God doesn't do things ½ way.

3 **They weren't FILLED with the Holy Spirit yet**

- It wasn't their job to fill the vacancy – 2 Timothy 1:11

- The majority isn't always right.

4 **They CAST LOTS** – **1:26**

- DIFFERENT from Joshua 18:10 & 1 Chronicles 24:5

5 **Matthias WON, Joseph LOST** – **1:26**

- Jesus already had His man ... PAUL!

- Paul fulfilled **Acts 1:8**.

CONCLUSION: When you pray, be open to do God's will, God's way, in God's time.

- Don't settle for God's 2nd best in your life.