

2—Waiting in the Upper Room

Acts 1:9-26

1. Just as the entry of Jesus onto the earth was miraculous, so was the departure (Acts 1:9-12). What was the purpose of the ascension of Jesus? Where would He go after He ascended (John 16:28; Acts 2:36; 5:31; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3)? What member of the Godhead's ministry would begin when the ministry of Jesus ended (John 7:39; 15:26; Luke 24:49)?

2. Where, approximately, does this ascension take place (see Luke 24:50; Acts 1:12)?

3. How do you think the disciples must have felt after witnessing such an event? What would fill their minds as they began to ponder life on earth without Jesus? Consequently, what promise is made by two angels (Acts 1:10-11; cp. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)?

4. Acts 1:12 mentions the trip from Jerusalem to the mount of Olives was “*a Sabbath day's journey*.” What exactly is a “*Sabbath day's journey*?”

5. List those Luke mentions who are in “*the upper room*” waiting for the promise of the Spirit. Is there anyone or anything notable about those gathered (Acts 1:13-14)?

Matt. 10:2-5	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:14-16	Acts 1:13
Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter
Andrew	James	Andrew	John
James	John	James	James
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James of Alph.	James of Alph.	James of Alph.	James of Alph.
Thaddeus	Thaddeus	Simon	Simon
Simon	Simon	Judas	Jude
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	

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6. There were 120 disciples gathered in that upper room (Acts 1:15). Yet, there were nearly 4 million Jews in Palestine in the first century. Does being in the minority ever make you fearful? How can this upper room image help?

7. Which disciple is notably NOT present in the upper room (Acts 1:16-17)? What happened to him and what prophecy does Peter quote as the disciples look to fill his vacated office (Acts 1:18-20)?

8. What were the qualifications/requirements of the one who would need to fill this office (see Acts 1:21-22)?

9. Who is chosen as possible replacements (Acts 1:23)? Could both men be selected to fill the one empty spot? What method do the apostles use to make their final selections in this process?

10. The 120 had a stated mission, they assembled in unity, and they moved forward in prayer. How important are these attributes to a group's success? How can the lack of these components lead to failure?