

~MATTHIAS (156)

(Mat-thi'as) [probably a shortened form of the Hebrew Mattithiah, Meaning, Gift of Yehowah]

- The disciple selected by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as an apostle. After Jesus ascension to heaven, Peter, noting that not only had the psalmist David foretold Judas deflection.
- Also the man at peace with me, in whom I trusted, who was eating my bread, has magnified his heel against me. ([Psalms 41:9](#))
- But David had also written.
- Let his days prove to be few. His office of oversight let someone else take. ([Psalms 109:8](#))
- His office of oversight let someone else take, proposed to the approximately 120 disciples gathered together that the vacancy of office be filled.
- Joseph Barsabbas and **Matthias** were put up for selection, after prayer, lots were cast, and **Matthias** was chosen. Occurring just a few days prior to the outpouring of Holy Spirit, this is the last instance reported in the Bible of the lots being resorted to in determining Yehowah's choice in a matter.
- Now during these days Peter rose up in the midst of the brothers and said, the crowd of persons was all together about one hundred and twenty. ([Acts of Apostles 1:15](#))
- Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by David's mouth about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 1:16](#))
- Because he had been numbered among us and he obtained a share in this ministry. ([Acts of Apostles 1:17](#))
- This very man, therefore, purchased a field with the wages for unrighteousness, and pitching head foremost he noisily burst in his midst and all his intestines were poured out. ([Acts of Apostles](#)

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- It also became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that that field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, **Field of Blood**. (**Acts of Apostles 1:19**)
- For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his lodging place become desolate, and let there be no dweller in it, and, His office of oversight let someone else take. (**Acts of Apostles 1:20**)
- It is therefore necessary that of the men that assembled with us during all the time in which the Lord Jesus went in and out among us. (**Acts of Apostles 1:21**)
- Starting with his baptism by John and until the day he was received up from us, one of these men should become a witness with us of his resurrection. (**Acts of Apostles 1:22**)
- So they put up two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and **Matthias**. (**Acts of Apostles 1:23**)
- And they prayed and said; You, O Yehowah, who know the hearts of all, designate which one of these two men you have chosen. (**Acts of Apostles 1:24**)
- To take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas deviated to go to his own place. (**Acts of Apostles 1:25**)
- So they cast lots over them, and the lot fell upon **Matthias**, and he was reckoned along with the eleven apostles. (**Acts of Apostles 1:26**)
- According to Peter's words;
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- **Matthias** had been a follower of Christ throughout Jesus three-and-a-half-year ministry, had been closely associated with the

apostles, and was quite likely one of the 70 disciples or evangelists whom Jesus sent out to preach.

- **After these things the Lord designated seventy others and sent them forth by twos in advance of him into every city and place to which he himself was going to come. (Luke 10:1)**
- **After his selection, he was reckoned along with the eleven apostles by the congregation.**
- **So they cast lots over them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was reckoned along with the eleven apostles. (Acts of Apostles 1:26)**
- **And when the book of Acts immediately thereafter speaks of the apostles or the twelve, Matthias was included.**
- **Now when they heard this they were stabbed to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles; Men, brothers, what shall we do? (Acts of Apostles 2:37)**
- **Indeed, fear began to fall upon every soul, and many portents and signs began to occur through the apostles. (Acts of Apostles 2:43)**
- **Also, with great power the apostles continued giving forth the witness concerning the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and undeserved kindness in large measure was upon them all. (Acts of Apostles 4:33)**
- **So Joseph, who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles, which means, when translated, Son of Comfort, a Levite, a native of Cyprus. (Acts of Apostles 4:36)**
- **Moreover, through the hands of the apostles many signs and portents continued to occur among the people, and they were all with one accord in Solomon's colonnade. (Acts of Apostles 5:12)**
- **In answer Peter and the other apostles said; We must obey God as ruler rather than men. (Acts of Apostles 5:29)**
- **So the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them and said; It is not pleasing for us to leave the word of God to distribute food to tables. (Acts of Apostles 6:2)**

- **And they placed them before the apostles, and, after having prayed, these laid their hands upon them. ([Acts of Apostles 6:6](#))**
- **Saul, for his part, was approving of the murder of him. On that day great persecution arose against the congregation that was in Jerusalem, all except the apostles were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. ([Acts of Apostles 8:1](#))**
- **When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they dispatched Peter and John to them. ([Acts of Apostles 8:14](#))**
- **So Barnabas came to his aid and led him to the apostles, and he told them in detail how on the road he had seen the Lord and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 9:27](#))**

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