Acts of the Apostles

In the Upper Room (Acts 1:12-26)

1) Where did the apostles go? (vs. 12, 13a)

 2) Who was there? (vs. 13b, 14b, 15b)

 -the eleven (Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16); Bartholomew = Nathaniel? (John 1:45f); Judas

 the son of James = Thaddeus? (Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18)

 -the women

 -Jesus’ brothers (Mark 6:3)

 -120 persons altogether

3) What were they doing? (vs. 14-26)

 -Praying and waiting, in obedience to Jesus’ insttuctions (v. 14a)

 -Selecting an apostle to replace Judas (vs. 15-26): Judas fell after his suicide (Matt. 27:5 with Acts

 1:18). The field was purchased with Judas’ blood money (Matt. 27:7 with Acts 1:18)

-Judas’ defection and replacement had been predicted in Scripture (Ps. 69:25; 109:8; see also Ps. 41:9)

-The selection of Matthias was not a mistake (Prov. 16:33; Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30).

Theological Significance

 1) The Identity of the Church

 2) The Mission of the Church

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Practical Lessons

1) This passage demonstrates the remarkable unity and agreement of the Bible.

# 2) This passage reminds us of the great importance of being in the place the Lord wants us to be.

3) This passage proves there are no more living apostles today.

4) This passage powerfully illustrates the sovereignty of God in and over human affairs.

5) This passage indicates the priority of prayer in the life of the church.

6) This passage shows it is more important to be a Christian than it is to merely associate with Christians.