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LIVING WITH PURPOSE

WAITING ON THE SPIRIT







- IGNORING INSTRUCTIONS DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT

THE PLAN

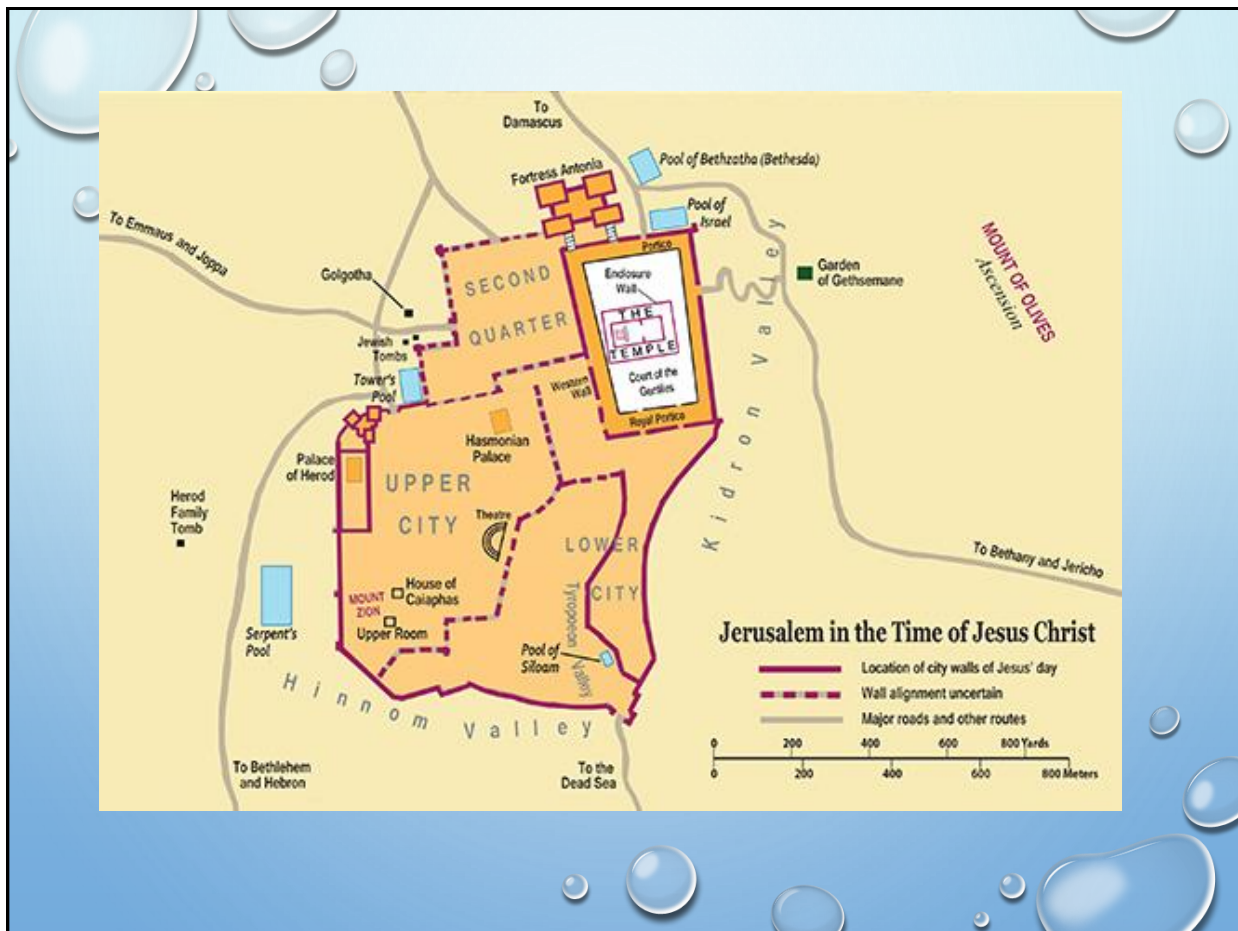
- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 16:18** AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.
- WE ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS WHEN WE FOLLOW BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS

I. THE SETTING

ACTS 1:12-14

WHERE

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:12** THEN THEY RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM THE MOUNT CALLED OLIVET, WHICH IS NEAR JERUSALEM, A SABBATH DAY'S JOURNEY AWAY. ¹³ AND WHEN THEY HAD ENTERED, THEY WENT UP TO THE UPPER ROOM, WHERE THEY WERE STAYING ...



JESUS AT MOUNT OF OLIVES

- BEGINNING OF TRIUMPHAL ENTRY ON PALM SUNDAY
- LOCATION OF OLIVET DISCOURSE
- LOCATION OF GETHSEMANE
 - REGULAR PLACE OF PRAYER FOR JESUS AND THE 12
 - SITE OF BETRAYAL AND ARREST
- LOCATION OF COMMISSIONING OF APOSTLES TO BUILD CHURCH
- LOCATION OF ASCENSION
- LOCATION OF RETURN

THE UPPER ROOM

- ^{NAS} **LUKE 22:11** "AND YOU SHALL SAY TO THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE, 'THE TEACHER SAYS TO YOU, "WHERE IS THE GUEST ROOM IN WHICH I MAY EAT THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES?"' ¹² "AND HE WILL SHOW YOU A LARGE, FURNISHED, UPPER ROOM; PREPARE IT THERE."
- UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE – JOHN 13-17

UPPER ROOM EVENTS

- WASHED DISCIPLES FEET
- PREDICTED BETRAYAL
- COMFORTED DISCIPLES
- PROMISED AND EXPLAINED HOLY SPIRIT
- EXPLAINED RELATION TO EACH OTHER AND WORLD
- PROMISED POWER OF PRAYER
- DELIVERED HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER
- LAST SUPPER

WHO

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:13** ... THAT IS, PETER AND JOHN AND JAMES AND ANDREW, PHILIP AND THOMAS, BARTHOLOMEW AND MATTHEW, JAMES *THE SON OF ALPHEUS*, AND SIMON THE ZEALOT, AND JUDAS *THE SON OF JAMES*. ¹⁴ ... , ALONG WITH *THE WOMEN*, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND WITH HIS BROTHERS.
 - CHURCH WAS INCLUSIVE FROM BEGINNING

WHAT

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:14** THESE ALL WITH ONE MIND WERE CONTINUALLY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER...
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 24:52** AND THEY WORSHIPED HIM AND RETURNED TO JERUSALEM WITH GREAT JOY, ⁵³ AND WERE CONTINUALLY IN THE TEMPLE PRAISING GOD.

PAST FAILURE REVERSED

- LAST TIME AT OLIVET

- ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 26:40** AND HE CAME TO THE DISCIPLES AND FOUND THEM SLEEPING, AND SAID TO PETER, "SO, YOU MEN COULD NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?
41 "KEEP WATCHING AND PRAYING, THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION; THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK."

- THIS TIME

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:14** THESE ALL WITH ONE MIND WERE CONTINUALLY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO PRAYER...

MINISTRY TRANSITION

- BEGINNING OF APOSTOLIC MINISTRY FOLLOWED PROLONGED PRAYER BY JESUS
 - ^{NAS} **LUKE 6:12** AND IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT HE WENT OFF TO THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY, AND HE SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD. ¹³ AND WHEN DAY CAME, HE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM; AND CHOSE TWELVE OF THEM, WHOM HE ALSO NAMED AS APOSTLES:
- BEGINNING OF FULLNESS OF APOSTOLIC MINISTRY FOLLOWED PROLONGED PRAYER BY APOSTLES

FULLFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

- THIS TRANSITION OF MINISTRY IS FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY
 - ^{NAS} **JOHN 14:12** "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO; BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER.

II. PETER'S SPEECH

ACTS 1:15-20

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:15** AND AT THIS TIME PETER STOOD UP IN THE MIDST OF THE BRETHREN (A GATHERING OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY PERSONS WAS THERE TOGETHER), AND SAID,

120 PERSONS PRESENT

- SANHEDRIN: SUPREME JEWISH COUNCIL
 - JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE
 - RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL
- MISHNAH 6: ... AND HOW MANY ARE IN A CITY BEFORE THEY HAVE A SANHEDRIN? 120 ...
- THIS WAS A PROPERLY CONSTITUTED COMMUNITY
 - CHURCH AS A NEW SECT OF JUDAISM

THE SPEECH

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:16** "BRETHREN, THE SCRIPTURE HAD TO BE FULFILLED, WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT FORETOLD BY THE MOUTH OF DAVID CONCERNING JUDAS, WHO BECAME A GUIDE TO THOSE WHO ARRESTED JESUS. ... ²⁰ "FOR IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT'; AND, 'HIS OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE.'

THE IRONY

- BOTH JUDAS AND PETER BETRAYED JESUS THE SAME NIGHT
- JUDAS IS DEAD, PETER IS LEADING THE CHURCH
 - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

BETRAYAL FORETOLD

- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:21** BUT BEHOLD, THE HAND OF HIM WHO BETRAYS ME IS WITH ME ON THE TABLE. ²² FOR THE SON OF MAN GOES AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED ...
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:34** JESUS SAID, "I TELL YOU, PETER, THE ROOSTER WILL NOT CROW THIS DAY, UNTIL YOU DENY THREE TIMES THAT YOU KNOW ME."
 - NO DIFFERENCE

ROLE OF SATAN

- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:3** THEN SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS CALLED ISCARIOT, WHO WAS OF THE NUMBER OF THE TWELVE.
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:31** "SIMON, SIMON, BEHOLD, SATAN DEMANDED TO HAVE YOU, THAT HE MIGHT SIFT YOU LIKE WHEAT,
 - BIG DIFFERENCE

RESPONSE OF JESUS

- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:22** ... BUT WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM HE IS BETRAYED!"
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 22:32** BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL. AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED AGAIN, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
 - BIG DIFFERENCE

THE DIFFERENCE

- ^{NIV} **JOHN 17:12** WHILE I WAS WITH THEM, I PROTECTED THEM AND KEPT THEM SAFE BY THAT NAME YOU GAVE ME. NONE HAS BEEN LOST EXCEPT THE ONE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION SO THAT SCRIPTURE WOULD BE FULFILLED.

THE SPEECH

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PROGRESS

- ^{NAS} **LUKE 24:44** NOW HE SAID TO THEM, "THESE ARE MY WORDS WHICH I SPOKE TO YOU WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU, THAT ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." ⁴⁵ THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES,

III. THE VOTE

ACTS 1:21-26

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:21** "IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY THAT OF THE MEN WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED US ALL THE TIME THAT THE LORD JESUS WENT IN AND OUT AMONG US-- ²² BEGINNING WITH THE BAPTISM OF JOHN, UNTIL THE DAY THAT HE WAS TAKEN UP FROM US-- ONE OF THESE SHOULD BECOME A WITNESS WITH US OF HIS RESURRECTION." ²³ AND THEY PUT FORWARD TWO MEN, JOSEPH CALLED BARSABBAS (WHO WAS ALSO CALLED JUSTUS), AND MATTHIAS. ²⁴ AND THEY PRAYED, AND SAID, "THOU, LORD, WHO KNOWEST THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN, SHOW WHICH ONE OF THESE TWO THOU HAST CHOSEN ²⁵ TO OCCUPY THIS MINISTRY AND APOSTLESHIP FROM WHICH JUDAS TURNED ASIDE TO GO TO HIS OWN PLACE." ²⁶ AND THEY DREW LOTS FOR THEM, AND THE LOT FELL TO MATTHIAS; AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE ELEVEN APOSTLES.

THE PROBLEMS

- 1.) "IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY" – SAYS WHO?
- 2.) WHERE'S THE HOLY SPIRIT?
 - ^{NAS} **LUKE 24:49** "AND BEHOLD, I AM SENDING FORTH THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU; BUT YOU ARE TO STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."
- 3.) WHAT ABOUT NONE OF THE ABOVE?

PLOW OR BLOWER?



THE EVIDENCE

- WHERE DID MATTHIAS GO?
- MATTHIAS VS JUDAS
 - ^{ESV} **ACTS 1:17** FOR HE WAS NUMBERED AMONG US ...
 - ^{ESV} **ACTS 1:26** AND THEY CAST LOTS FOR THEM, AND THE LOT FELL ON MATTHIAS, AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE ELEVEN APOSTLES.

CHURCH BLUEPRINT

- V1 FIRST COMING
 - V5 BAPTIZED WITH SPIRIT
 - V6 RESTORATION OF KINGDOM
 - V8 EMPOWERMENT BY SPIRIT
- V11 SECOND COMING
- PETER LEFT OUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF CHURCH BUILDING
 - THE HOLY SPIRIT



CONCLUSIONS

OUR DUTIES

- WORSHIP
- PRAYER
- FELLOWSHIP
- UNITY
- LOVE

OUR STRATEGY

- LEARN AND OBEY SCRIPTURE
- SEEK, WAIT FOR, FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT
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