

## Another Promise, Another Witness Acts 1:9-26

### **The apostles witness the ascension of Jesus. 9-11**

- This is the first of several brief angelic appearances in Acts, 5:20, 10:30, 12:8.
- Angel's question what I'd be doing! Recall similar question in Lk. 24:5,6.
- Jesus' triumphant return will also be in clouds, Rev. 1:7, Mk. 14:62, Lk. 21:25-27.

### **The apostles add Matthias as a 12<sup>th</sup> witness, 12-26**

#### **12-14 Who the church is, where they are, and what they are doing:**

120 are *united* (2:42,46) in prayer in an upper room (Acts 4:31, 12:12), which includes women, Jesus' mother, and even His brothers (recall Mk. 3:21).

#### **15-22 Why Judas must be replaced and what happened to him:**

Based upon a typological application of Ps. 69:25, 109:8 (Imprecatory Psalms where David cries out for God to avenge him), Judas' office must be filled by another *witness* (see also Matt. 19:28). Some see Matt. 27:5 as contradicting Peter's words about Judas' gruesome death here, but what is likely the case?

#### **23-26 Who is chosen as another apostle/witness of the resurrection:**

Matthias meets the qualifications and is selected as the 12<sup>th</sup> witness (10:39ff.) by drawing lots (Josh. 18:6, I Sam. 14:42, Jon. 1:7). Why is the selection of Matthias not jumping the gun in view of Paul's later very successful ministry?

