

## Sunday School Texts, April 26

**Acts 1**<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. <sup>15</sup> And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

<sup>16</sup> "Men, brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit earlier spoke through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry (τὸν κληρὸν διακονίας ταύτης)."

<sup>18</sup> Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And this became known to everyone dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, **אַחַד לַקַּח**, that is, Field of Blood.

<sup>20</sup> "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another assume his office (τὴν ἐπισκοπὴν αὐτοῦ).'"

<sup>21</sup> "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection (μάρτυρα τῆς ἀναστάσεως αὐτοῦ)."

<sup>23</sup> And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

<sup>26</sup> And they cast their lots (κλήρους), and the lot (ὁ κληρὸς) fell on Matthias. And he was added to the eleven apostles.