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JESUS'S DISCIPLES UNITE IN PRAYER (ACTS 1:12-14).

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

JESUS'S DISCIPLES FOLLOW THE SCRIPTURES (ACTS 1:15-22).

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters—the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty—and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David foretold about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.” ¹⁸ Now this man acquired a field with his unrighteous wages. He fell headfirst, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that in their own language that field is called ‘Hakeldama’ (that is, “Field of Blood”). ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: Let his dwelling become desolate; let no one live in it; and Let someone else take his position. ²¹ Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us—from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

JESUS'S DISCIPLES TRUST IN GOD (ACTS 1:23-26).

²³ So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “You, Lord, know everyone's hearts; show which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

