

We will now begin our second lecture on Acts. /Today we will begin with Acts 1:8.

/Read 1:8. /But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

/These were Jesus' last words. /This was the final request Jesus gave to the disciples before His ascension. /He told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them.

/Jesus also told them that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. /We must evangelize. /It was Jesus' final command.

/When we evangelize, we must do so by the power of the Holy Spirit. /We must evangelize by the power of the Holy Spirit. /In order to receive the Holy Spirit and his power, we must pray a lot. /1 Corinthians 2:4-5

/Paul preached the gospel by displaying the power of the Holy Spirit when he went to the church at Corinth. /Again, 1 Thessalonians 1:5. /It says there that Paul delivered the message with the Holy Spirit, power, and deep conviction. /The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk.

/There is God's power. /1 Corinthians 4:20 /The work of spreading the gospel is not the works of man, but of God's. /Lives are saved through the power of God. /Therefore, we must evangelize.

/We must also take on the role as witnesses. /Here, witness is “maltus” in Greek. /"Maltus" also means “martyr.” /Therefore, this means that we must preach the gospel with the mindset of a martyr.

/We are in debt to the gospel. /It says that there will be consequences if we do not preach the gospel. /Jesus also said in Matthew 28:19 to baptize and preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

/Even at the end of Luke chapter 24, /and at the end of Mark chapter 16, /Jesus commanded His disciples to preach the gospel. /We must be prepared to evangelize both in season and out of season. /God said that he would hold us accountable for the blood of those we did not evangelize to.

/People fall into the pit of fire without knowing whether they will die or live. /They will fall into the fire pit of hell. /At that time, we must rescue them with the gospel.

/Children fall into wells without knowing whether they will die or live, /and adults cannot simply be next to them and stay still. /They must reach out their hand and rescue that child.

/In the same way, if we do not preach the gospel, we must not withhold it while knowing that the person will die. /Therefore, we must evangelize when God gives us opportunities to do so and obey his commands.

/We must also send missionaries across seas. /We must go ourselves and preach the gospel. /We must provide help and support to missionaries through prayer and supplies. /In the text here, Jesus tells the disciples to begin evangelizing in Jerusalem.

/God's will was that evangelism would begin in Jerusalem. /Luke 24:47 /That is because Jesus died on the cross and resurrected in Jerusalem. /Therefore, the gospel was to be preached starting in Jerusalem.

/Next, we must evangelize to its neighbor, "all of Judea." /We must also go to Samaria and evangelize there. /We must evangelize to the ends of the earth. /Where are the ends of the earth? /The ends of the earth could be various locations.

/The ends of the earth are where the gospel has not yet been preached. /Therefore, we must evangelize in places near by and places far away. /Evangelism is not something that we have an option of doing or not doing.

/This is something we must do. /This is God's greatest command. /It is Jesus' final request. /There will also be rewards if we evangelize. /There is glory.

/If we guide people down the right path, we will be complimented by God. /God told us to become witnesses. /We are all Jesus' witnesses. /The disciples are Jesus' witnesses.

/The disciples saw /how Jesus acted, /how Jesus prayed, /how Jesus healed the sick, /how Jesus preached the Word, /how Jesus died on the cross, /how He rose again, /and how He ascended.

/They were witnesses to what they saw and heard. /Therefore, this Bible is the word of truth. /Therefore, it is not difficult for us to become witnesses. /It is to simply speak of what we have seen and heard.

/We must be witnesses to who Jesus was. /We receive salvation if we believe in Jesus. /We go to heaven if we believe in Jesus. /We receive blessings if we believe in Jesus. /We only need to testify to what we know now.

/We must preach with words. /Next, we must evangelize with good deeds. /Matthew 15:14-16 /We must be witnesses to Christ and make God happy with our faith.

/In Acts 4:20, it says, / "For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." /Our faith must also speak about what we have seen and heard.

/Let's go over it again. /Before we evangelize, /we must receive the power of the Holy Spirit. /We must pray a lot, /rely on God, /obey the Word, /and evangelize with the power of the Lord.

/Verse 9. /After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

/Jesus ascended on a cloud. /Jesus rose up on a cloud. /This may have been an actual cloud. /It is an actual cloud. /This cloud symbolizes God's glory.

/Jesus said that He would come again on a cloud. /This also means that He will come again on a cloud of glory. /Daniel 7:13 /Revelation 1:7/How will Jesus come again?

/Verses 10-11. /They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

/Jesus' disciples and many people looked intently up into the sky as Jesus ascended. /At that time, the angels spoke.

/"Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? /This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

/Most of the men here were the disciples. /There were also believers. /The angels said, /"This same Jesus will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." /This meant that Jesus would come again in the same way He went up to heaven.

/Jesus will come again on a cloud in the same way He ascended on a cloud. /Because Jesus' ascension could be seen with the physical eye, His return will also be able to be seen with the physical eye.

/Jesus ascended with a spiritual body and so He will come again with a spiritual body. /Jesus will return with the same appearance as the disciples saw. /Now Jesus will return in the midst of glory.

/No one knows when Jesus will come again. /Only God the Father knows.

/Many deceiving heretics have appeared today. /They say that Jesus will come again in secret.

/They say that Jesus already came again in secret. /They say He returned so that He could not be seen with the naked eye. /This is their claim targeted to deceive us. /Therefore, we must remember the contents of today's passages.

/Jesus will come again so that anyone and everyone can see, and can recognize Him. /Jesus will come again so that all people under heaven will be able to see. /At that time, believers will see Jesus' second coming.

/Those who pierced Jesus will also see. /Unbelievers will see. /Jesus will arrive publicly so that all can see. /Therefore, we must await Jesus' second coming.

/Also, we must be prepared to welcome Jesus when He returns in His glory. /We must prepare oil and lanterns like the five wise virgins.

/Here, Jesus showed His ascension to the disciples. /This was to teach the disciples to have confidence in Jesus' second coming. /Therefore, we must continue to be Jesus' witnesses and evangelize.

/Verse 12. /Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

/The apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives. /This hill is the Mount of Olives. /This was the location of Jesus' ascension. /Luke 19:29 /Luke 24:50-51.

/In this passage, it states that Jesus ascended in Bethany. /Bethany is located to the east of Mount of Olives, at the foot of the hill. /It is the same location. /Jesus ascended at the top of the Mount of Olives.

/The road from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem was the best way to travel for the Sabbath. /This road for the Sabbath was about 1 kilometer. /It was approximately 1 kilometer from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem.

/Verses 13-14. /When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

/This upstairs room belonged to Mark also called John. /Luke 22:12 /Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and communion here. /Mark 14:12-16 /The early church began here.

/The early church began in Mark's upstairs room with one hundred and twenty people. /Mark's family seems to have been a wealthy family. /Thus, he devoted this upstairs room to Jesus and the disciples.

/That place became a sanctuary. /That family received blessings. /This Mark also called John is the person who recorded the Gospel of Mark. /2 Timothy 4:11 /There, it states that Mark is

a helpful person.

/One hundred and twenty believers went up to this room upstairs and prayed earnestly. /There were women who followed Jesus from Galilee. /Matthew 27:55-56 /Luke 24:10

/In addition, people such as Mary Magdalene and Mary with faith were present. /There was also Mary, who was Jesus' mother. /One hundred and twenty believers gathered in total. /Jesus' younger siblings were also present.

/Then they all joined together constantly in prayer. /Jerusalem at that time was a place filled with people who killed Jesus. /It was also a place where believers who were followers of Jesus were captured and killed.

/Therefore, not leaving Jerusalem and praying was a difficult thing to do. /The disciples at that time laid down their lives and joined together in prayer. /Thus, they prayed in desperation. /They overcame various tribulations and trials.

/The fact that they joined together in prayer shows that they prayed professionally. /They became experts of prayer, and put in much efforts into prayer. /They continued to pray. /They prayed all day.

/They prayed together for ten days following Jesus' ascension. /The Pentecost took place ten days after the ascension. /That was when the Holy Spirit came upon them. /Therefore, we must also strive to pray daily.

/We must pray while we overcome hardships and trials. /Pastors should pray at least two hours a day. /Pastors must strive to pray even harder on Fridays and Saturdays to prepare for the Lord's Day.

/Regular believers should come to church in the early mornings to pray. /Pastors and believers should together gather in the sanctuary in the early mornings to pray. /We must pray until the end. /We must strive to pray.

/The Jews usually prayed three times a day. /Jesus' disciples and Daniel also prayed three times. /Although we may not be able to pray three times a day, we should at least pray for an hour in the early mornings.

/The devil does not attempt to take away the passions of believers, but tries to take away time of prayer. /We can defeat the devil through prayer. /Mark 9:29 /We can overcome trials only if we pray.

/Verses 15-17. / In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus — he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”

/These people were able to solve their problems through prayer. /That was a biblical solution to Judas Iscariot’s death. /Judas sold Jesus and committed suicide.

/They biblically interpreted this. /Judas Iscariot was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. /Then how could a disciple of Jesus sell Jesus?

/Why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot? /This question arose among them. /Then they were able to resolve this issue by praying about it. /At that time, Peter interpreted that this incident regarding Judas Iscariot occurred according to what was written in the Bible.

/Verses 18-19. /(With the reward he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem



heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

/Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. /Then he died by hanging himself. /When he hung himself, the rope broke, and his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.

/He died miserably. /This means that this incident was prophesied in Psalm 69:25. /It says, "May their place be deserted." /This means that people who go against God and interfere with the movement of salvation will be cursed and will fall.

/It meant that Judas Iscariot who sold Jesus would be cursed and would fall. /Then why did Jesus select Judas Iscariot as a disciple, knowing that he was not chosen? /Why did Jesus choose him as a disciple knowing that Judas Iscariot was an unbeliever, someone who had not been chosen?

/First, it was to show that there are people who have not been chosen, even among pastors. /Second, even those who have not been chosen are used for God's works of salvation. /Third, it was to fulfill what is written in the Bible. /Psalm 41:9

/Fourth, it was to show that sinners face a miserable ending. /Proverbs 16:4 /The wicked will be used in the wicked days.

/When we construct a building, we build a scaffold on the outside. People climb up there and attach tiles onto the building. The unchosen are like these people.

/They build a scaffold on the outside in order to construct a building. /After they construct the building, they discard the scaffold. /God uses these people who have not been chosen in a similar way for the church.

/Also, it was to show that those who are like Judas Iscariot, who harm the church, will face

destruction.

/It says in verse 19, "in their language." /It refers to Aramaic. /Jews at that time used Aramaic.

/Verse 20. /"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of leadership.'

/The one who sold Jesus and damaged the movement of salvation would be cursed and would fall. /Psalm 69:25 /Psalm 109:8 /It says, "May his place be deserted." /It says, "May another take his place of leadership."

/In the same way, if a person damages the movement of salvation, he will be cursed and his household will fall. /If anyone harms Jesus and the church, he will be stripped of his position, which will then be given to someone else. /His position will be taken away. /He will be abandoned before God.

/Verse 21. /Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us.

/Now, they needed to choose a new apostle. /Because Judas Iscariot of the twelve disciples had been eliminated, they wanted to choose an apostle. /They wanted to choose one person as an apostle and become complete as the twelve disciples.

/This was done in order to cooperate with God's works. /This was so that the disciples would be witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. /They needed someone to be a witness of Jesus.

/Hence, they thought, "Who should we choose?" /Thus, in the process of choosing an apostle, there were conditions. /The first condition was that the person needed to have been with the

disciples since the time of John's baptism to Jesus' ascension.

/It needed to be someone who traveled together with Jesus from the time of John's baptism to Jesus' ascension, /someone who was always with Jesus, /someone who thoroughly learned the truth from Jesus. /These types of people qualified to become an apostle of Jesus.

/We must also thoroughly learn the truth today. /We must live a life of faith for a long time. / We must prepare well. /People who will become pastors must attend theological seminaries. / They must learn a lot professionally.

/We must learn properly. /We must learn a lot about the Bible and the truth. /We must prepare a lot for a long time. /It took Moses forty years to learn about the world and study faith in the wilderness.

/Even today, one must study a minimum of ten years to become a doctor. /Therefore, we, the true pastors, must take even more time to learn.

/Verse 22. /beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

/The second condition was that he had to be someone who was with them from the "beginning." /This referred to someone who was faithful. /He needed to be a person who was faithful and who possessed virtue. /We must endure through our hardships, and we must be witnesses to the end.

/The third condition was that he had to attend to others' needs, thus, a person who was strong in team spirit. /If he was to testify to the resurrection of Jesus, he needed evangelize through cooperation with the other disciples.

/They needed to be one in heart, in harmony with one another, cooperate and serve one another, and testify to the truth. /There were conditions for one to become an apostle.

/First, it needed to be someone who was present from the time of John's baptism to Jesus' ascension, /someone who learned a lot of the truth. /Second, it needed to be someone who was always with them. /He needed to be faithful, /unchanging, and loyal.

/Third, he needed to be able to cooperate with the others. /These were the qualifications one needed to have to be an apostle.

/Verse 23. /So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

/Two men were nominated. /There were two men who met these qualifications. /One was Joseph, and the other was Matthias. /These two people were cast into a lot.

/Verses 24-26. /Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

/They prayed earnestly to God before casting lots. /They hoped that it would be done according to God's will. /They did not want to seek the opinions of people, but the will of God. /Proverbs 16:33

/It says, "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD." /It is to acknowledge the sovereignty and decision of God. /They cast lots so that it would be done according to God's will.

/In the Old Testament, there were situations in which lots were cast to ask of God's will. /Leviticus 16:7-10 /Joshua 18:10 /Yet, after the completion of the Bible, it was no longer times for people to seek God's will by casting lots.

/People sought God's will by casting lots in the Old Testament and the New Testament times until the Bible was recorded. /In the Old Testament times, people found God's will through God's voice, visions, dreams, and etc.

/They were all different kinds of the special revelation. /In addition, they realized the will of God through the Urim and Thummim of a priest. Exodus 28:30

/Yet, now, we must know the will of God through what is recorded in the Bible. /These are not times in which we found out the will of God by casting lots.

/Also, the position of the church is a position of service. /Pastors, elders, and deacons are all positions that serve the church. /Therefore, anyone who does not serve does not need a position.

/Positions in the church are not given for honor. /Positions are given to that one would serve well. /Therefore, when we select people for positions, we must select those who are faithful. / Also, those who are given positions must do their best.

/Matthias was a substitute for the position of an apostle. /However, the apostle Paul was one of the original apostles. /Matthias here was a temporary apostle. /To be an apostle means to have been directly sent by Jesus.

/He needed to be a person who personally saw the resurrected Jesus and received a calling. /1 Corinthians 9:1 /Galatians 1:16 /Verse 17.

/Jesus ascended after He resurrected, directly appeared before Paul, and sent him off as an apostle. /Matthias here was temporary and was called on indirectly.

/However, Jesus personally chose Paul and sent him off as an apostle. /Likewise, the apostles made up for Jesus' twelve disciples. /They strived to pray. /They obeyed God's word.

/They did not leave Jerusalem but prayed instead. /Then they earnestly waited to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. /They prayed while they supported the apostles. /They prayed while doing what they needed to do.

/They prayed by the will of God. /It states here, "Judas left to go where he belongs." /Judas Iscariot, who sold Jesus, eventually received judgment. /He eventually went to hell.

/Matthias joined as an additional member to the eleven apostles. /Thus, Matthias was temporarily chosen to take place of Judas Iscariot as an apostle.

/Through today's passages, we learned that we must become witnesses of Jesus to the ends of the earth by receiving the power of the Holy Spirit.

/Judas Iscariot, who sold Jesus, received judgment before God. /We must seek the will of God when we pray. /Then when we find the will of God, we must obey accordingly.

/Here we will conclude the second lecture on Acts. /Thank you.