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ACTS 1:21-22 ^{NIV}



He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons.

MARK 3:14-15 ^{NIV}



God said to him, “Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.” So he named him Israel.

¹¹ And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.

GENESIS 35:10-11 ^{NIV}



So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and
increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule
over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over
every living creature that moves on the ground.”

GENESIS 1:27-28 ^{NIV}



The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will **bless** you; I will make your name great, and you will be a **blessing**.

³ I will **bless** those who **bless** you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples** on earth will be **blessed through you.**”

GENESIS 12:1-3 ^{NIV}



“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

ISAIAH 49:6b ^{NIV}



Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

LUKE 24:45-47 ^{NIV}




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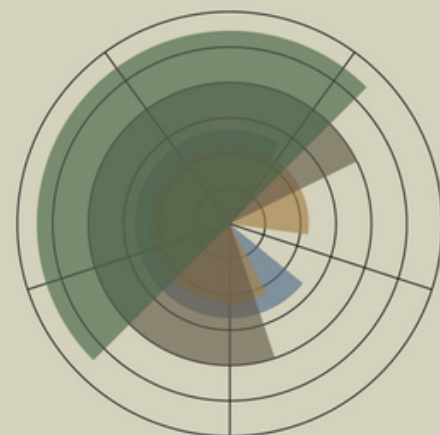
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After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: **Mary** (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ **Joanna** the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; **Susanna**; and **many others**. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

LUKE 8:1-3 ^{NIV}

SERMON NOTES



Sermon Notes

AVAILABLE WHERE YOU LISTEN





So they nominated two men: **Joseph** called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and **Matthias**.

ACTS 1:23 ^{NIV}



Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”

ACTS 1:24-25 ^{NIV}



Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

ACTS 1:26 ^{NIV}



We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

John Hancock Thomas Jefferson Benjamin Franklin Josiah Bartlett

Dutton, Givens,
Lynch Hall,
Geo. Waller.

Wm. Harper
Joseph Hewes,
John Doan

Samuel Chace,
Wm. Pica
Thos. Stone
Cyber Court of Russell

Robt Morris
Benjamin Rush
Benjamin Franklin
John Norton

Phil. Livingston
 Susan Lewis
 Lewis Morris

Josiah Bartlett
 Wm Whipple
 Saml Adams

John Adams
Art. Treas. Painter
Elbridge Gerry

Step. Hopkins

William Ellery
Roger Sherman
John Huntington
M^{rs} Williams
Oliver Watson
Matthew Thornton

Thos. Weyman & Son.
Thomas Lloyd Jones.
Arthur Middleton

George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
Th: Jefferson

James Wilson
Geo. Robt
Esqr. Quincy,
Mass.

Wash. D. C.
 Jas. Watson
 Jas. Watson
 John Watson

Oliver Watson
Matthew Thompson

Wm Harrison
The Nelsons
Lancaster Lightfoot Lane
Carleton Place

The M. trap

Abra Clark

Oliver Watson
Matthew Thomson

Button Gwinnett
Sept 11



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Sept 1776



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Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

ACTS 2:41 ^{NIV}

FELLOWSHIP MISSION

**To change the heart and soul of
Northwest Arkansas and the world.**

For Christian faith not to be idle in the world, the work of doctors and garbage collectors, business executives and artists, stay-at-home moms or dads and scientists needs to be inserted into God's story with the world. That story needs to provide the most basic rules by which the game in all these spheres is played.

MIROSLAV VOLF, THE CHURCH'S GREAT MALFUNCTION

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ACTS 1:22B ^{NIV}

“To preach Christianity meant primarily to preach the Resurrection...The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the ‘gospel’ or good news which the Christians brought...He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened.”

C.S. LEWIS