

# Acts Prayer Meeting

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15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus”

## **Introduction**

### Prayer meetings very important when choosing church leaders

## **To obey Jesus**

- \* The disciples had just witnessed the ascension on the mount of Olives
- \* They now obeyed Christ by returning to Jerusalem

## **Mount of Olives**

## Luke 21:36-38 (KJV)

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives”

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him”

- \* Day Time he taught
- \* Night Time He was in the Oil and the Oil Press
- \* In order to go out the next day to Minister

## **The Mount of Olives or Olivet**

- \* The mountain range was a little more than one-half mile from the city limits of Jerusalem
- \* The range of mountains lie on the east of Jerusalem and stretch only about one or two miles across

## **The mountain range was loved by Jesus**

It was...

### **Where Jesus often resorted [refreshed / encouraged]**

#### **Luke 22:39 (KJV)**

**“And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him”**

- \* Jesus Christ - Prayer Life
- \* Jesus entered the Mount of Olives
- \* His disciples were with Him
- \* The significant thing to note is this: it was ***His custom to seek time alone with God*** on the mount when in Jerusalem
- \* During the last week of His life, He was spending every night in prayer
- \* The Mount of Olives [The place of the oil press – the place of flowing oil] – Jesus not only went he took His disciples with him
- \* We must get this aspect of mentorship back into our churches

## **The mountain range was loved by Jesus**

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- \* Where Jesus often spent the night when in Jerusalem
- \* Where Jesus spent the nights of His last week on earth—praying and seeking God

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The Mount of Olives was...

- \* Where the great sermon on the end time was preached
- \* Where the Triumphal Entry began
- \* Where Jesus' terrible agony in the Garden of Gethsemane took place

The Garden of Gethsemane was on the side of the mountain

(Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26)

**The Mount of Olives is where the ascension took place**

Acts 1: 9-10 (KJV)

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel”

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**Note**

**Their obedience took tremendous courage, for Jerusalem was the very center of opposition against Christ**

- \* They were risking their lives to obey Jesus
- \* It would have been much easier to go elsewhere and wait upon and serve God there
- \* But Jesus had made His will known and the disciples had committed their lives to obeying Him

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**When seeking the Lord for church leaders, believers have to be in the will of God; they must do the will of God – They were obeying the Lord**

\* They cannot know who God's choice for a leader is unless they are obeying Him

\* Disobedient and carnal believers end up with disobedient and carnal leaders, that is, with leaders who are fleshy and worldly, knowing little if anything about God and His will and the true spiritual matters of the church and its mission

**Prayer is the language of obeying God**

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\* Leaders appointed by Christ are to be the leaders of the church, and believers must be centered around them if they wish God's presence and blessings

\* Too often however, too many turn to other leaders, leaders less godly, less spiritual and less mission-, evangelistic-, and ministry-minded

\* The result is a dead, formal, self-centered, or worldly and socially minded church

**Note**

**There is a huge difference between being ministry-minded and social-minded. The difference is the same as the great gulf between the spirit and the world itself**

\* Being *ministry-minded* means reaching out to help people both socially and spiritually, leading people to an evangelistic encounter, to a personal relationship with Christ as well as meeting their physical and social needs

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\* Being social-minded means reaching out to help people with little if any attention given to evangelism

**A social gospel seldom stresses the need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ**

**The church must have and follow spiritual leadership, leaders chosen and appointed by God, if the church is to be a true church of the Lord Jesus Christ**

\* The way this is achieved, the very activation of Godly Leadership is birthed in prayer

Acts 1:14 (KJV)

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\* To continue in one accord in prayer

\* The disciples were in the upper room for one reason: to seek and wait upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit

\* The Promise of the Father

Acts 1:4-5 (KJV)

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence”

\* Believers must be of one spirit and mind, focusing their thoughts and concentrating as strongly as they can upon the same purpose

\* They have one purpose in mind, to seek God for the promise of His Spirit and His presence

\* Corporate Prayer – seeking God for the promise of His Spirit and His Presence

\* Setting the atmosphere for the Holy Ghost to make a noise and a sound – simply to set us in agreement, unity of the same purpose

\* Assembling together!

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\* They continued with one accord

One Accord (homothumadon)

\* The same mind or spirit; oneness of mind and heart

\* It means to be one in spirit and purpose

Homos means same

Thumos means spirit or mind

\* The believers, all 120 of them in the upper room, were of the same spirit, of the same mind

The idea is they were after the same thing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit

\* They were focusing and concentrating their thoughts and energies upon seeking God for the promise of His Spirit

**One Accord**

The word is used only eleven times in Scripture, ten of those times are found in Acts, one is found in Romans

\* One accord in prayer (Acts 1:14; Acts 4:24)

\* One accord in one place (Acts 2:1)

\* One accord in daily worship and the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:46; Acts 5:12)

\* One accord in obedience (Acts 8:6)

\* One accord in a business meeting (Acts 15:25)

\* One accord is needed to glorify God (Romans 15:6)

The phrase "*one accord*" is also used to refer to the unity of unbelievers and enemies of the gospel (Acts 7:57; Acts 12:20; Acts 18:12; Acts 19:29)

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**\* Assembled together – commanded them**

**\* Stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father – you have heard me tell you**

**\* John baptized [immersed] with water [the baptism of repentance]**

**\* But ye shall be baptized [immersed] with the Holy Ghost**

**\* They took the command that Jesus gave them to the upper room and prayed in one accord [The same mind or spirit; oneness of mind and heart - It means to be one in spirit and purpose] to receive the Fathers Promise!**

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**\* The upper room blessing of obedience**

**\* The upper room prayer meeting**

**\* The type of prayer that allows the Holy Spirit to move**

**\* The type of prayer that invites the Fathers Promise**