

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 22, 2009

The Return Of The Apostles
Acts 1:12-14
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1. Where they were (1:12)

- a. The return to Jerusalem

Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Spirit (Acts 1:4)

- b. The room in Jerusalem

This is very likely the same room that Jesus used for the last supper (Mark 14:15; Luke 22:12).

Upper rooms could be had for a premium in Jerusalem.

2. Who they were (1:13)

The twelve are listed in Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; and Luke 6:14-16) and none of the lists of disciples are identical.

- a. Their similarities

- b. Their differences

3. What they were doing (1:14)

- a. They were united in purpose

Success in ministry requires a directed mind.

- b. They were united in passion

Success in ministry requires a dedicated heart.

- c. They were united in prayer

Success in ministry requires a devoted will.

Prayer is a theme in Acts. One place that meeting for prayer occurs at our church is in our Growth Groups.

4. Who they were with (1:14)

a. The women

These women likely followed Christ from Galilee to Jerusalem (Luke 8:1-3; cf. 23:49, 55; 24:10).

b. Mary, the mother of Jesus

This is the final reference to Mary in the Scripture.

c. Christ's brothers

These are Jesus' half-brothers (Mark 3:31-32) who did not believe in Him (John 7:5) until after the resurrection (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:7).

May the Lord give Valley Bible Church the grace to be united in heart in devotion to the Lord for His service.