

Read Acts 1:21-26

21 “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus—

22 from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.”

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

24 Then they all prayed, “O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen

25 as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs.”

26 Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.

As Peter continued his speech what did he suggest that they do next (v. 21)? That they choose someone to replace Judas as the twelfth disciple since Judas had died.

What were the qualifications for the man who would be chosen to replace Judas (vv. 21-22)? He had to have been with the disciples from the very beginning when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist until the day Jesus went up into heaven. And he had to be someone who was a witness with them of His resurrection

Who did they nominate (v. 23)? Joseph and Matthias

What did they do next (v. 24)? They prayed for guidance. For God to choose one of these two men to replace Judas.

What did they do after they prayed (v. 26)? They cast lots to determine God's will.

What is casting lots. Lots could have been sticks of various lengths, flat stones like coins, or some kind of dice; but their exact nature is unknown. They would throw the lots out and then interpret them. The closest modern practice to casting lots is likely flipping a coin.

Casting lots was necessary before the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but when the Holy Spirit came, He provided the guidance inwardly that God had formerly provided externally.

What did the cast lots tell the disciples (v. 26)? That God chose Matthias to replace Judas.