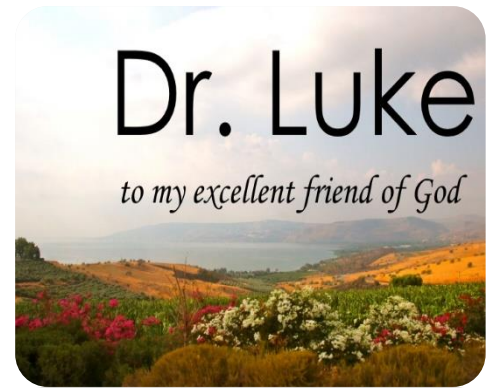


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Luke, the beloved physician, what an interesting person he must have been. The renowned archaeologist Sir William Ramsey wrote of him: Luke is a historian of the first rank. Not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... but he should be placed along with the very greatest of historians. Luke has been compared with the Greek historian, Thucydides, who is often called: the father of scientific history... because of his strict standards of evidence gathering and analysis. Luke was not an eye-witness to Christ; but he was a disciple of Paul. Luke wrote:



13 And when they returned / when they walked back to Jerusalem after Jesus ascended to heaven,

they went to the upper room, where they stayed: Peter, John, James,

Andrew, Philip, Thomas,

Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus,

Simon the Zealot, and Jude the younger brother of James.

And for 10 days in the temple; and in the upper room; Luke tells us, they continued praising God.

14 They all continued with one mind devoted in prayer / they were united = the mind of **Christ**, the **Messiah**; they were thinking about, and reflecting on, and sharing with each other the many things He taught them; remember when He said ___? Oh, yeah! And how about when Jesus did ___? I remember;

with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers and sisters / it is interesting, some of the traditions... especially those that make void the word of God... who don't read the Bible, they deny that Jesus had brothers and sisters; while they make a big deal about Mary's virginity. Luke lets us know everyone was there; and they are all praying together -brothers and sisters, too.

15 And in those days / in those 10 days of discipline, impulsive Peter, along with all the others – who were doing the math, and still had much to learn. Sometime during those 10 days in a very crowded room... Luke writes:

Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters, the number of those together in the upper room were about a hundred and twenty (120).



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Now, Peter is going to get up, and it's as if the fisherman had too many days to sit around, reflecting on all that happened. So we get to hear what is really on his mind. Perhaps Peter remembered the night Jesus was betrayed when he argued with the Lord, Jesus left them 10 days. He knew them very well! 10 days between His leaving and... the coming Gift of His Father, who would be sent. We know, in the presence of the Lord is great joy! But in His absence, well, that is another story. Here is the only conversation remembered from that upper room.

Peter stood up among them, and said,

16 Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David foretold concerning Judas who was a guide to those who seized Jesus /Judas is on his mind. Peter is still irritated, and can't you see them all nodding their heads? Okay Peter!

17 For he was counted among us, and shared in this ministry / umm-huh! We know Peter! Sort of 1 plus 1; not difficult. Hmm? Is this sermon going somewhere?

18 Now this one purchased a field with the price of his crime; and falling headfirst, he burst open in the middle; and his bowels gushed out! / And can't you see them scratching their heads? Are we supposed to say AMEN here, or something?!! about the dead fool?

19 And this fact was known to all who live in Jerusalem;

so that in their dialect / dialektos, in their own language, used 6 times in the book of Acts; **first used here...** and remember the Spirit had NOT yet arrived,

that field is called: Hakeldama, that is: Field of blood / okay! It's actually profound: the life and death of Jesus... purchased the Potter's Field, the junkyard that we first learn about in Jeremiah 18, [where all the broken vessels, all the rejects of the Potter were discarded and tossed.](#) Now called **Field of Blood**



Peter continues...

20 For it is written in the Book of Psalms, Let his dwelling be desolate, and let no one live in it: / okay! I agree. Stop there because Jesus said, I will build my church – it belongs to Him. But only a man whose name is Peter... would dare to say the next statement!

and his bishoprick let another take / His what? The word means: **overseer**, manager; Judas oversaw the money – it is NO hocus pocus. So, Peter put together 2 OT verses Psalm 69 and Psalm 109... **remember the Spirit had not yet come.** Hey! Time to do some wool-gathering! Now after that brilliant King James' comment, notice how Peter's faulty reasoning was busy at work...born in legalism and impatience!

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Peter says,

21 Therefore from among the men who accompanied us, the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 beginning from the baptism of John; until the day He was taken up from us / when Jesus was received into the heavens,

one must become a witness with us of His resurrection / okay. **Why?** Jesus already said to them, **if they're not against us; they are for us.**

23 So, they suggested: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus; and Matthias / they put forward the names of two men; remember the Spirit had not arrived; both guys, undoubtedly honorable men! Yet, in the gospels, we never hear Jesus mention either one, even once.

24 Then they prayed, and said,

Lord, You know the hearts of all / and He does! the Lord God said, **All souls are Mine**

show which of these two You choose,

25 to occupy this apostolic ministry,

that Judas left, to go to his own place.

26 Then they cast lots for them; and the lot fell to Matthias ... in the finest Viva Las Vegas style, / like the California Lottery, they drew lots: lucky Matthias! Many make a big deal about these verses; but it is not necessary, they were told to wait; too bad for the other guy; was that divisive, before the Spirit of God even showed up. Yet it is celebrated by some how to do things, instead of waiting on the Lord.

and he was added to the eleven apostles / and we did not hear from him since! I wonder if that was the 8th or 9th day, and impulsive Peter was just getting a little tired of waiting; you know, waiting in Jerusalem... (or wherever) that God's power, for His purposes, in His people should be done.

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