

“DICE CASTING IN THE PRAYER MEETING”

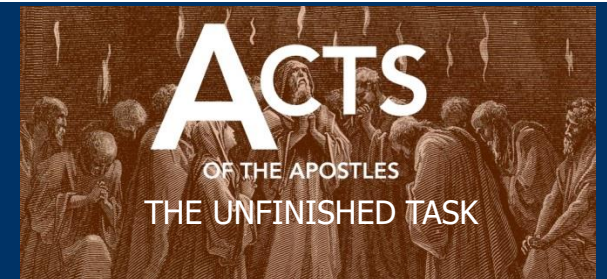
(Acts 1:12 – 26)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 3

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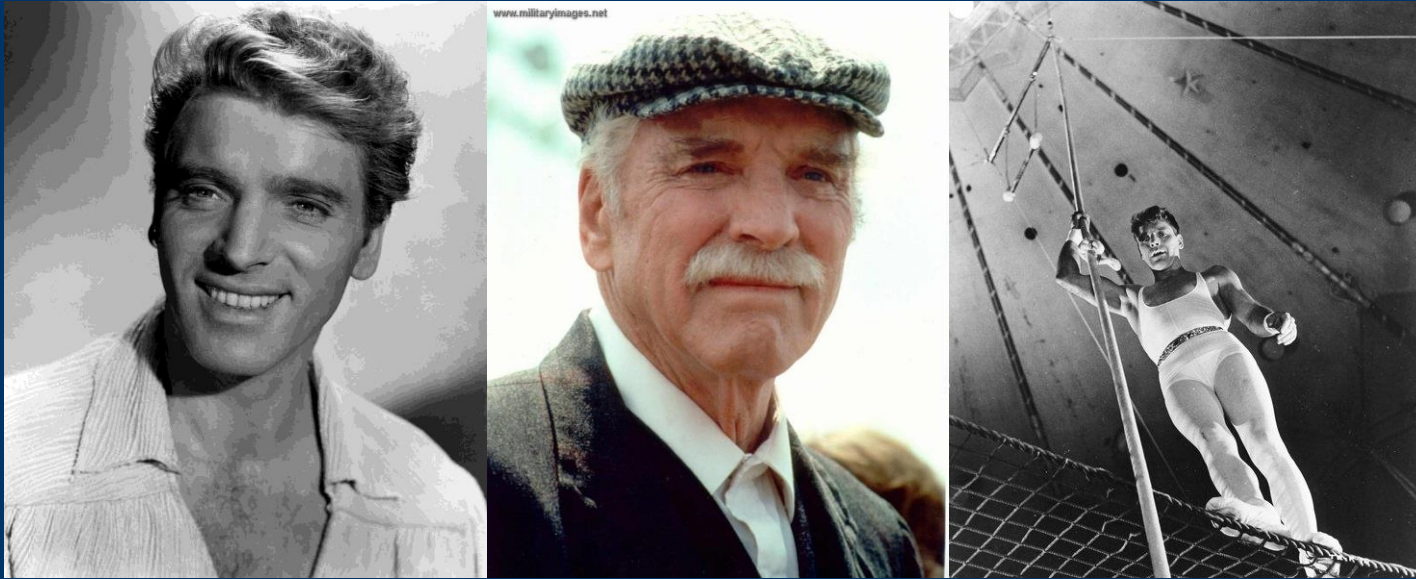
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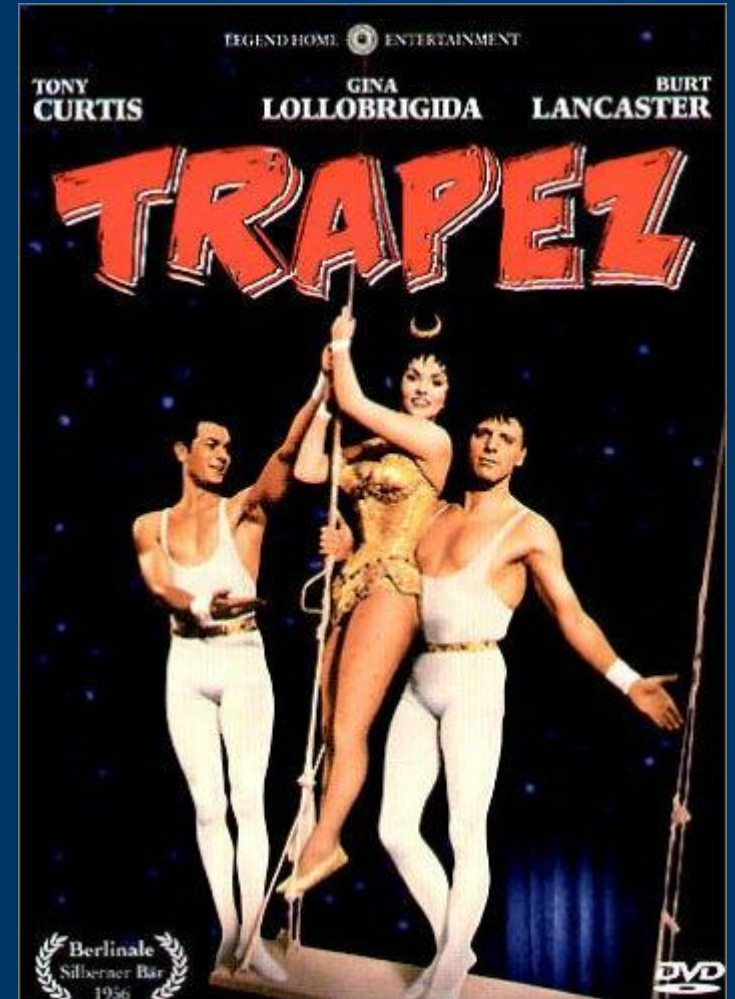


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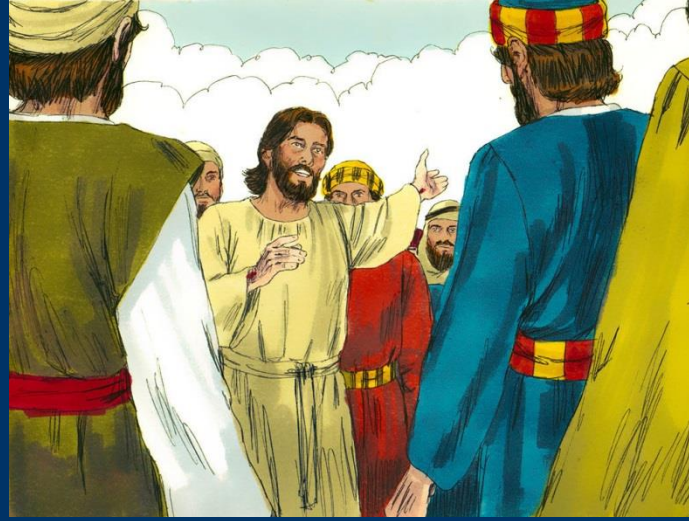
Burt Lancaster



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Acts 1:4b *"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

I. WHO WAS WHERE, AND WHY?

A) The People

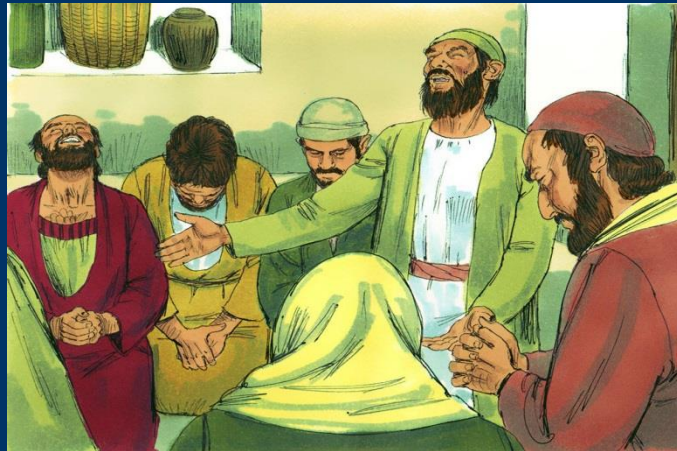
Acts 1:13b *Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)*



I. WHO WAS WHERE, AND WHY?

B) The Place

Acts 1:13a When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying.



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C) The Purpose

Acts 1:14a These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer.

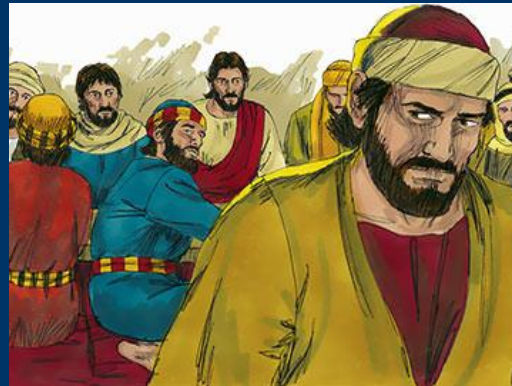
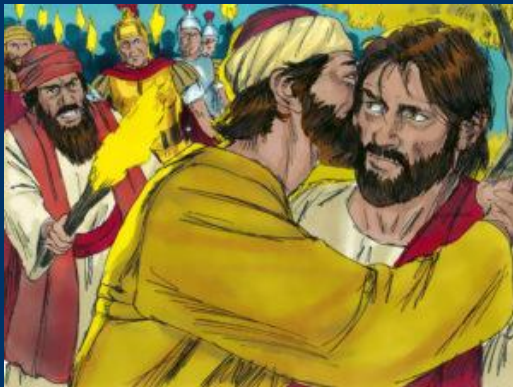


II. WHAT WAS WHEN, AND HOW?

A) The Need

Acts 1:16 *"Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. **17** He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."*

The Replacement of Judas Iscariot



II. WHAT WAS WHEN, AND HOW?

A) *The Need*

Acts 1:20 *"For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:*

*" 'May his place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in it,' and,
" 'May another take his place of leadership.'*

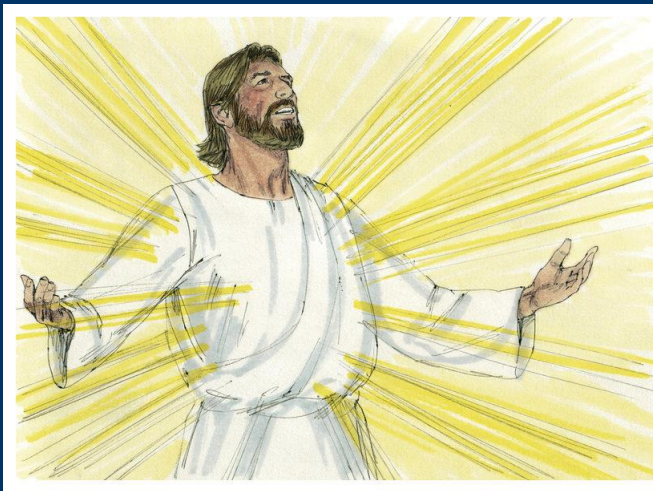
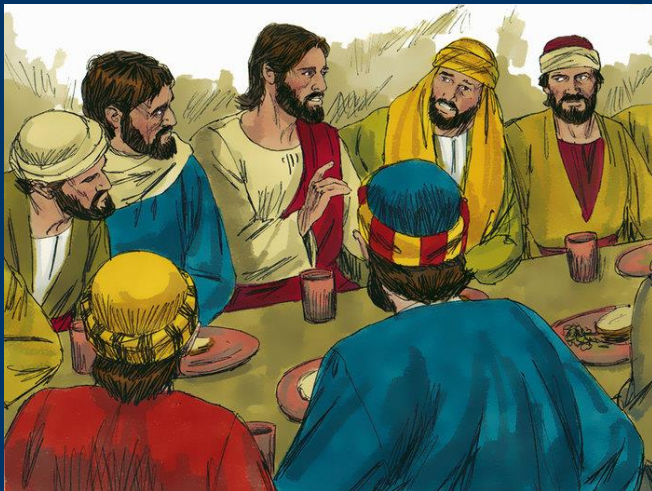


Matt. 19:28 *"Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

II. WHAT WAS WHEN, AND HOW?

B) The Prerequisite

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."



II. WHAT WAS WHEN, AND HOW?

C) The Method

Acts 1:23 *So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.*

24 *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." **26** Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.*



III. WHO CARES? SO WHAT?

A) The people God empowers are not perfect performers but dependent believers.



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B) The plan God honors is not complicated but simple.



Man's Way

Complicated
Simple

God's Way



CONCLUSION:



While answering all the above questions, it is good for us to respond to some personal questions from the message that God has spoken to us this morning.

1. *Have you been struggling with your imperfection that deters you from responding to His call?*



2. *Will you be willing to surrender yourself in all your inadequacy to draw your strength from Him?*



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some criterions that we look for in a person that we are about to hire?*
- 2. What kind of people does God look for to serve Him in His Kingdom? Why are those qualities so important to God?*
- 3. Why was it necessary for Judas to be replaced before the coming of the Holy Spirit?*
- 4. How does God use an imperfect person in His ministry?*



Scripture References:
Acts 1:12-26