

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module VII – The Apostolic Mission**  
**Lesson 2 – Was Matthias the Twelfth Apostle?**

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1. Acts 1:12-26 Was Peter presumptuous in replacing Judas?
  - A. Peter's history of being presumptuous
    1. Matt. 16:21-23 Peter rebuked Jesus for saying that He would be killed
    2. Matt. 26:34-35 Peter insisted that he would never deny Jesus
  - B. The 'Helper' (Breath of Truth) was not yet present with them to guide them into all truth.
    1. John 14:16-17 the 'Helper' is the 'Breath of Truth'
    2. John 16:7 the 'Helper' cannot come until after Jesus goes away
      - a. John 20:22 Jesus' breathing on them was not the 'Helper,' the 'Breath of Truth.'
    3. John 14:15-18,23 the 'Helper' is Jesus' own interaction with His Apostles & congregations by means of the 'holy Breath'
    4. John 14:25-26; John 16:13 the 'Helper' would guide them into all truth
  - C. Peter's misuse of the Psalms (Acts 1:16,20)
    1. Psalm 69:25 This Psalm was about Jesus (vs. 9, 21-23)
      - a. Vss. 24-28 concern the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70
      - b. Peter misquoted David, changing "them" (plural) to "him" (singular)
    2. Psalm 109:8 This Psalm was about David's enemy (vs. 20)
      - a. Even IF it was about Judas, why must he be replaced THEN, and by THEM?
  - D. Peter's criteria for an 'Apostle' – an eyewitness (Acts 1:21-22)
    1. Peter missed the part about being personally commissioned and sent by Jesus.
  - E. 'Casting lots' was reserved for the high priest (Lev. 16:8) and required authority
    1. No authority for the two who were selected (vs. 23)
    2. They limited God's choice to one of the two they had selected (vss. 24-26)
  - F. Jesus Himself chose and commissioned Paul (Acts 26:12-18)
    1. Paul met the criteria as an eyewitness of Jesus' resurrection (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
  - G. Paul insisted that he was an Apostle of Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:1)
  - H. There were not 13 Apostles, only 12 (Rev. 21:14)
2. The Roman Catholic Church bases their authority for 'Apostolic Succession' on Peter's presumptuous act in selecting a successor to Judas.
  - A. 'Apostle of Jesus Christ' is NOT an OFFICE (to be filled), but 12 men.