



Who Received on Pentecost

We learn who was present for the outpouring of holy spirit on the Day of Pentecost by studying who witnessed the ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

(Acts 1:9-10 KJV) And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. {10} And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Verse ten documents that two heavenly angels came into concretion. As a side note, throughout the entire Bible when angels are mentioned, they are almost always identified as 'men'. They aren't men like you and me. They are spirit-men who look like men in most every way.

(Acts 1:11 KJV) Which



also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Heretofore, regarding Jesus' disciples, 12 men were always mentioned. But in verse 11, that changed to "ye men of Galilee." What caused this reference to change? The answer is that Judas wasn't a Galilean. He came from the village of Kerioth of Judea.

(Mat 10:4 KJV) Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also

betrayed him.

Judas was not present when Jesus ascended to heaven.

(Mat 27:3-5 KJV) Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, {4} Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. {5} And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Why was he not present? Because he had went and hanged himself.

I would like to say that Jesus Christ shall absolutely return. The world's greatest evils couldn't prevent his first coming, and they won't prevent his second. "I will"

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denotes the absolute; “I shall” denotes simple future. This same Jesus shall so come in like manner—absolutely. When will this happen? Just like the first time—in the fullness of time. He will return.

(Acts 1:12 KJV) Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

The first word in the verse, ‘Then’ refers to time. It doesn’t say that 12 men were with Jesus. Only 11 were. Why didn’t his disciples go to Galilee? Because they were told to go to Jerusalem, and that’s just what they did. If you want to receive anything from God, you must do exactly what He says.

(Acts 1:13 KJV) And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

They went to the upper room on the day of the ascension. Who were there? The 11 Galileans. Did this happen on the day of Pentecost? No. It says, the day of the ascension. What was this room? It was their living quarters where they abode, where they put on their PJ's, where they slept. Women weren’t allowed in this room. This day was not the day of Pentecost.

(Acts 1:14 KJV) These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

They were praying and giving thanks unto God, but they weren’t in the men’s sleeping quarters, the upper room. Mary and the women were not allowed in there. In this culture, the opposite is also true. Do you remember the account of Jael driving a tent stake through a man’s head because he went into her bed chamber?

(Judg 4:21 KJV) Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote

the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

In Eastern custom, a man entering the sleeping quarters of a woman was an unforgivable sin. Man servants did the cleaning in the men’s quarters—women weren’t allowed in.

(Acts 1:15 KJV) And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

“Those days” fell between the ascension and the day of Pentecost. Was it the day of Pentecost? No! Were a hundred and twenty present? No! It says ‘about’ an 120. We’ve been taught so incorrectly on these things—wrong on every account. If God meant 120, He would have said 120. He said ‘about 120.’ If you had to have \$120.00 right now or you’d lose your life and you had about \$120, it’d be time to buy your coffin.

(Acts 1:16-20 KJV) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs

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have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. {17} For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. {18} Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. {19} And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. {20} For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take.

This account describes Judas' horrible death. It also tells us how Judas was to be replaced. They still needed 12 Apostles--another will take his bishopric. Why would they have waited so long if Judas would have died many days prior? Judas' death happened during the

10 days when Peter stood up. God's Word directed Peter.

A new Apostle was chosen.

(Acts 1:21-22 KJV) Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, {22} Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Judas' replacement had to have witnessed Christ's resurrection. Nothing else would do—not a witness of his earthly works—nothing else. Our salvation hinges on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(Acts 1:23 KJV) And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

"Appointed" means, "made to stand."

(Acts 1:24 KJV) And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of

all *men*, show whether of these two thou hast chosen,

"Whether" means, "if either." An Apostle is a chosen one who brings new light to his generation. Not every disciple is an Apostle, but every Apostle is chosen to bring new light to his generation. What they bring may be old light, but it is new to his generation.

(Acts 1:25-26 KJV) That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. {26} And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

In the text, "their lot" means, "their ballots". Matthias was voted to be numbered with the 11 Apostles.

This begs the question—who received the gift on the day of Pentecost?

Did about 120 receive? Not if you can add correctly. 11+1 does not equal 120. It equals 12.

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(Acts 2:1 KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

The first word in Acts chapter two verse one is, "And." This verse should have remained in chapter one. "And" means, "in conjunction with."

Much love in Christ,

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