



Acts 1:12-17, 20b-26

Judas' Replacement

Why did God do that?

1. Why does God give *instruction* for divorce in Deuteronomy 24:1-4, say He *hates* divorce in Malachi 2:16, and give us the *grounds* for Biblical divorce in Matthew 5:32?
2. Why, in I Samuel 8, did God *warn* Israel that they did not want a king, and that even asking for a king was in fact *rejecting God* Himself as their ruler, when He had already given them, in Deuteronomy 17:14-20 *instructions* on how to choose a king, his necessary *credentials*, and a partial *job description*.
3. Why did God *create* a redemption plan for man, *before* creation (I Peter 1:20) when he was going to create Adam and Eve in perfection, and give them very simple instructions that would ensure their ongoing perfect, if they simply followed them.

ANSWER: Because He knew that men and women would _____ divorce as a get out of the marriage free card, the Israelites would _____ for a king even though God himself was already ruling them, and man would _____ to sin even though they had a perfect relationship with God in the Garden.

Acts 1:12-26 Peter and the Apostles _____ experience the same treatment.

Let's look at what they got right:

1. _____ was in charge.
 - a. He had been the leader of the disciples the entire time.
 - b. Jesus restored him as leader at the campfire breakfast in John 21:15-19 ("Follow Me")
2. Peter was correct that David called for Judas to be _____ in Psalm 109:8

But what did Peter and the gang get wrong?

1. They _____ it was their job to replace Judas, even though:
 - a. _____ as chosen each one of them specifically and individually.
 - b. Jesus has given them no such _____.
 - c. They never _____ if God wanted them to do this.

2. _____ that the criteria for Judas' replacement was that he had to have been following Jesus the entire time from Baptism to ascension, even though:
 - a. Only _____ of them, perhaps 4-6, were present at Jesus baptism.
 - b. Jesus _____ had ideas outside of the disciples box, and often did unexpected things, against the disciples wishes, with a _____ purpose in mind.

3. They gave _____ a choice between two men of _____ choosing.

What did God do in response?

1. He _____ them a replacement.
 - a. Because *they were going to choose someone anyway*.
 - b. God chose who he wanted, from *their* offerings, according to *their* method.

2. Then, in _____ timing, in His way, by His criteria, **Jesus** chose Paul as Judas' replacement.
(Acts 9)

What's our lesson to learn?

1. Be sure you are asking God the _____ questions when you inquire of Him.
2. Don't _____ by limiting the answers you are willing to hear.
3. Don't settle for second best, simply because _____ are determined to have _____ own way regardless of what God would have you do differently.
4. Sometimes God _____ us to make mistakes, because we are not ready for a new lesson yet.