



**Who Cares about Matthias?
Acts 1:12-26**

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History in the Bible

- ❖ Prescriptive
- ❖ Proscriptive
- ❖ Descriptive

Let's imitate the Apostles:

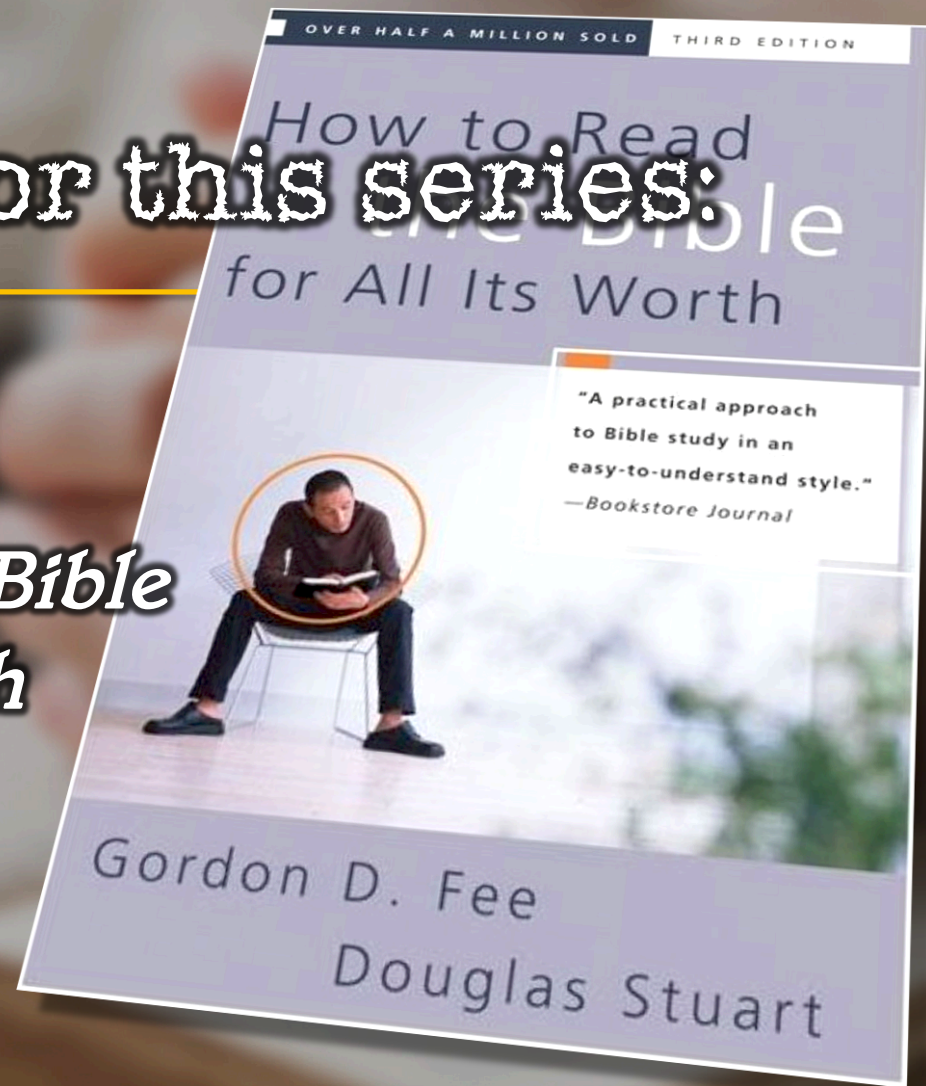
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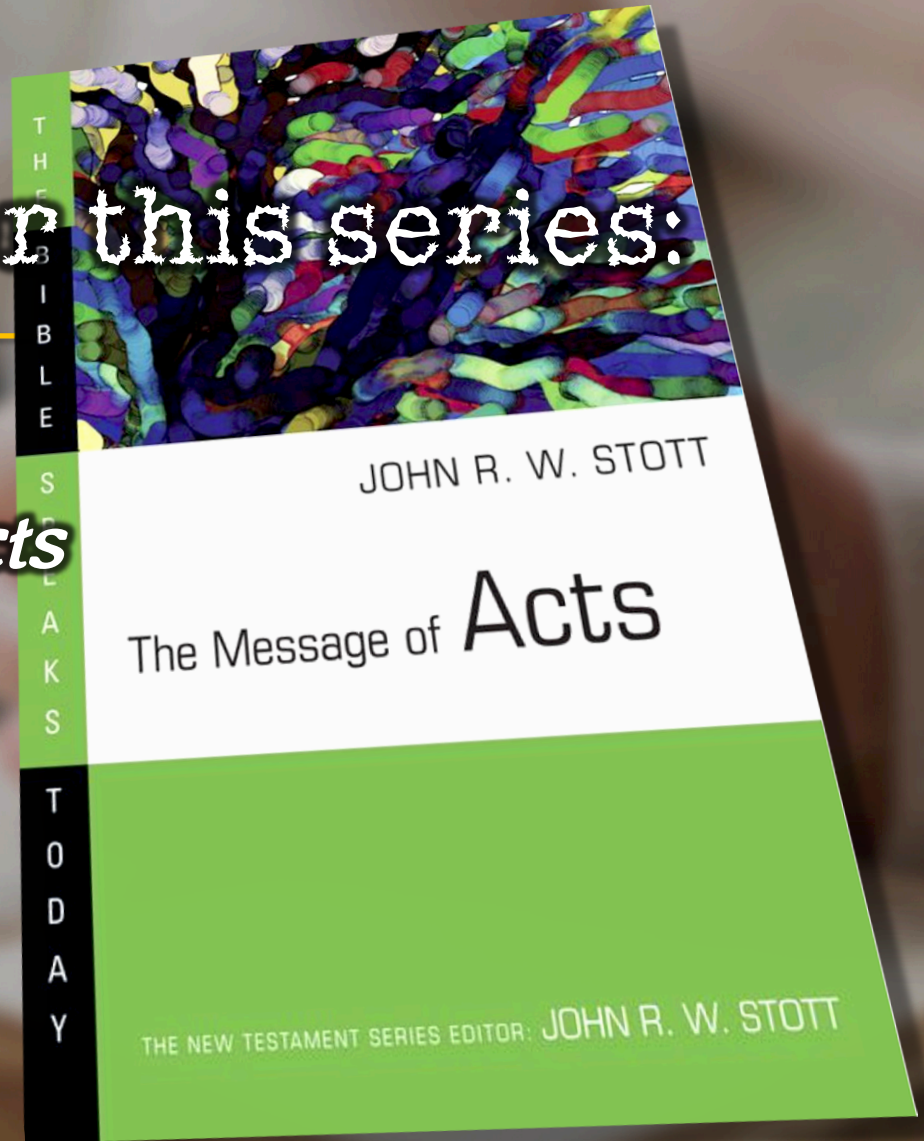
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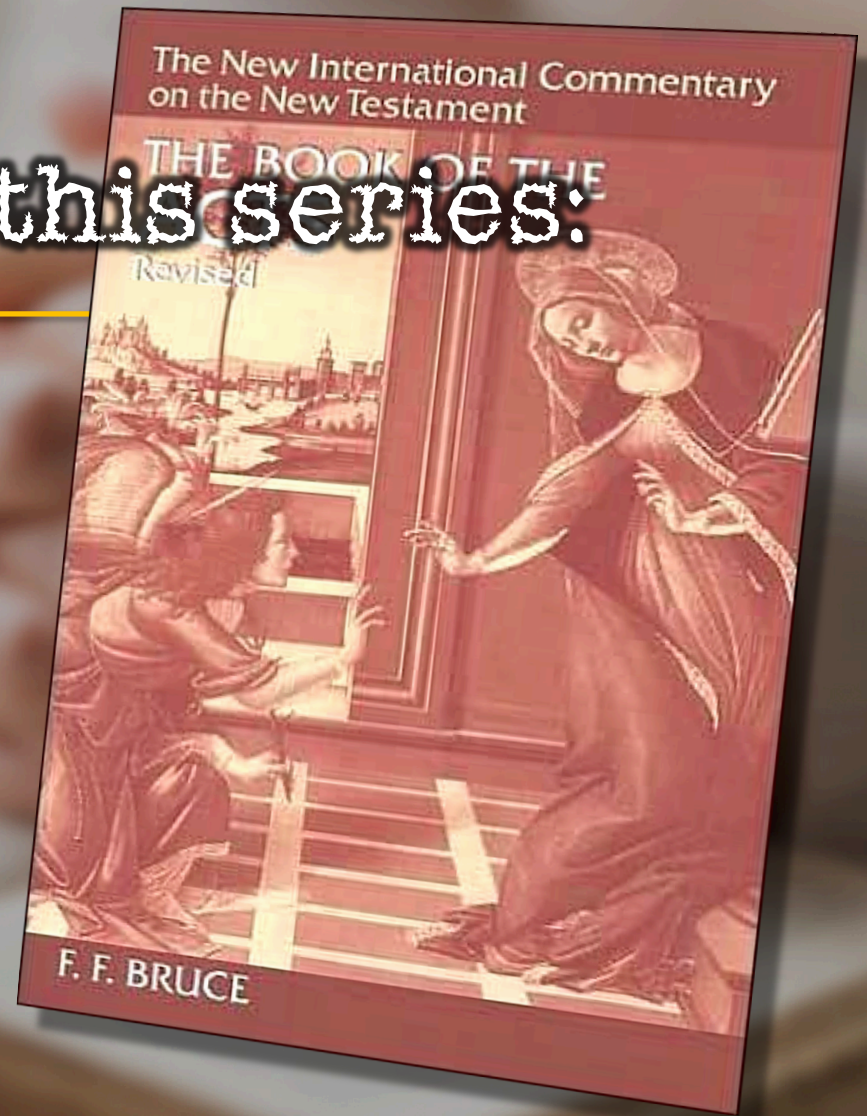
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- ❖ F. F. Bruce,
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Acts outline:

- ❖ Peter's ministry (chapters 1-12)
- ❖ Paul's ministry (chapters 13-28)

“You will be my witnesses”

- ❖ **In Jerusalem (chapters 1-7)**
- ❖ **In all Judea and Samaria (8-10)**
- ❖ **To the ends of the earth (11-28)**

Luke's roles

- ❖ Doctor
- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Diplomat
- ❖ Lawyer
- ❖ Theologian/
Evangelist

Missing from Acts:

- ❖ Biographies of the Apostles
- ❖ Church organization/government
- ❖ Spread of Gospel to the East/South

Fee and Stuart:

“We are to view this triumphant, joyful, forward-moving expansion of the Gospel into the Gentile world, empowered by the Holy Spirit and resulting in changed lives and local communities as God’s intent for the continuing church. And precisely because this is God’s intent for the church, nothing can hinder it ...”



Acts 1:12

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

Acts 1:13

When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. 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.



Acts 1:14

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the book and the person's arms. The lighting is warm and natural.

John 7:5

For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:6

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:7-8

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture, resting on an open book. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the book and the person's arms. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

How did they pray?

- ❖ Together
- ❖ Constantly



John Stott:

“We learn, therefore, that God’s promises do not render prayer superfluous. On the contrary, it is only his promises which give us the warrant to pray and the confidence that he will hear and answer.”

Acts 1:15-16

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, “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.

Acts 1:17-19

He was one of our number and shared in our ministry. (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)”

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.’”

Acts 1:21-22

“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, 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.”

Luke 22:29-30

[Jesus to the Twelve]: “And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”



Acts 1:23

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

Acts 1:24-25

“Then they prayed, “LORD, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”

Acts 1:26

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



God's will:

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- ❖ **Moral**
- ❖ **Personal**

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper