



Sunday 5th July 2020

Online Service at 4pm

(Sunday School at 3.30pm)

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WELCOME (Andrew L)

*"The church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone."
Ephesians 2:20 (ESV)*

SONG: How firm a foundation (Caroline and All)

CHILDREN'S TALK (Niamh)

CONFESSION (All)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Andrew L)

CHAT IN BREAKOUT GROUPS

CONGREGATIONAL READING (All)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

(The Apostles' Creed)

READING: Acts 1:12-26 (Johannah)

SERMON (Andrew S)

PRAYERS (Claudia)

LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

We do not presume to come to this your table
Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
But in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs
Under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
Who delights in showing mercy.
Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,
So to eat this bread and drink this wine
That our bodies and souls may be cleansed
By Christ's body and blood
And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
To be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

SONG: In Christ alone (Caroline and All)

BLESSING (Andrew L)

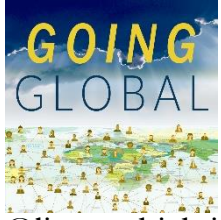
GOODBYE (All)

OPTIONAL Q&A

*Next Sunday 12th July:
Acts 2:1-13 - The Reversal of Babel*

The foundation

Acts 1:12-26



¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the

Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office."

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us

during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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INTRODUCTION: good foundations are important

1. Does Judas’ betrayal undermine the foundation? No!

- It makes a difference to know that it was predicted (v20 cf. Psalm 69:25)
- Compare Acts 2:23; 4:27-28; 13:27
- Compare Luke 21:16-19; Acts 14:22
- Compare Acts 20:29

ASIDE: How do we reconcile Acts 1:18-19 with Matthew 27:3-10?

2. Does Matthias complete the foundation? Yes!

- He was an eyewitness of the resurrection (vv21-22)
- He was chosen by God (vv23-26)
- So then there were twelve (v26; cf. v6, v8)

APPLICATION: have confidence in the apostolic foundation (i.e. the New Testament) and so have confidence that Jesus is Lord and Christ.

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- How does this passage give you confidence in the apostolic foundation of the church?
- How would you reply to someone who said, “I like Jesus, but I don’t like the institution of the church”?