**God’s Mission Is On Track**

**Acts 1:15-26**

***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.*

I. The INFALLIBILITY Of The Word

*“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled...*

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.* Luke 24:27

*“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas…* Acts 1:16

*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.* 2 Peter 1:21

II. The INVINCIBILITY Of The Work

*Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.*

*Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.* Psalm 41:9

*So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord.* Zechariah 11:13 J

*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.* Psalm 115:3

*“For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’”* Isaiah 46:9-10

*“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”* Job 42:2

III. The INTEGRITY Of The Witness

***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.”*

*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.* Proverbs 16:33

**Last Thought:** No matter the circumstance you experience TAKE JOY in the truth that our faithful Father is SOVEREIGN OVER US!