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**Jesus broke down gender barriers**

*Matthew 27:5-8*

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*Matthew 19:28*

**Do you ever feel like Matthias?**

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*Acts 1:12-14 NLT Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). <sup>14</sup> They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

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**The early believers did not meet to discuss what they thought they should do.**

**They met to pray and hear what God said they should do.**

**What does that say about why we gather together?**

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**Christians spend more of our prayer time trying to keep sick Christians out of heaven than praying to keep unbelievers out of Hell.**

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*1 Thessalonians 5:17 "...pray continually"*

*Romans 12:12 "...constant in prayer."*

*Acts 1:15-17 NLT During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. <sup>16</sup> "Brothers," he said, "the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. <sup>17</sup> Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us."*

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**"What does the Bible say about this?"**

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*Acts 1:18-19 NLT (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. <sup>19</sup> The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name Akeldama, which means "Field of Blood.") J*

*Matthew 27:5-8 NLT Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> The leading priests picked up the coins. “It wouldn’t be right to put this money in the Temple treasury,” they said, “since it was payment for murder.” <sup>7</sup> After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter’s field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. <sup>8</sup> That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood.*

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**There is hope - the Bible says hope gets the last word.**

**There is love - on your worst day, God still loves you more than you can imagine.**

**There is community - We are here to help.**

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*Acts 1:20-23 NLT Peter continued, “This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, ‘Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.’ It also says, ‘Let someone else take his position.’” <sup>21</sup> “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus— <sup>22</sup> from the time He was baptized by John until the day He was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus’ resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.*

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*Acts 1:24-26 NLT Then they all prayed, “O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen <sup>25</sup> as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs.” <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.*

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**When asked, “Do you think God is on our side?”**

**President Lincoln answered, “I don’t know. I haven’t thought about that. But I’m very anxious to know whether we are on His side.”**

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*Matthew 19:28 NLT Jesus replied, “I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon His glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

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