

# First Actions of the First Church

Acts 1:14-26

## **Introduction:**

v 14. **The Starting** of the church  
10 days of continual, unified prayer.

They weren't commanded to pray, so why did they?  
Because they were "nervous"

- They were clear in their mission.
- They were clear in their message.
- They were clear in their means-God's grace.

Why was family mentioned?

- Their certainty of faith.
- The primacy of the spiritual family of Christ.

v 15. **The Standing** of Peter  
An apostle is missing, a basis of authority.

v 16. Psalm 109 prophesizes that one must take Judas's place.

v 17-20. Luke explains that Judas fulfills Psalm 109.

- As Judas was desolate and must be replaced by another.

v 21-25. **The Substitute:**

The requirements were:

1. An eye witness from John until the Ascension.
2. A quality man.
3. A tested man for three years.
4. And chosen of God.

They were adamant on the *type* of man that God would raise up.

**Conclusion:**