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Luke places "do" before "teach" (Matt 5:19)

Given Commands

*Matt 28:18-20 *Mark 16:15-18 *Luke 24:44-49

1Co 15:3-8
Luke 24:13-43

Holy Spirit

*Luke 24:46-49
*John 14:16-21, 26;
15:26-27; 16:7-15
*Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8;
Luke 3:16; John 1:26

Luke 24:45 "he opened
their minds to understand
the Scriptures"

*Did they truly understand?

*Mark 9:33-34; 10:35-41; Luke 22:24

Ascension

*Luke 24:50-53
*Mark 16:19-20

Second Coming

*Matt 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27 *Matt 26:64; Mark 14:62

Upper Room

*Mark 14:12-16, 11

Luke 24:33-43

*John 20:19, 26

¹In the *first book*, *O Theophilus*, I have dealt with all that <u>Jesus</u> began to do and teach, <- Luke 1:1-3

²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the <u>Holy Spirit</u> to the apostles whom he had chosen. <- Luke 24:50-53

³He *presented himself alive* to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during *forty days* and speaking about the *kingdom of God*.

⁴And while staying with them he *ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem*, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be *baptized with the Holy Spirit* not many days from now." <- 10 Days

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <- What were they asking?

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the <u>Father</u> has fixed by his own authority. <- matt 24:36; Mark 13:32; 1Th 5:1

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <- Luke 24:49

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, *he was lifted up*, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, *two men stood by them in white robes*,

¹¹and said, "Men of <u>Galilee</u>, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

12Then they returned to <u>Jerusalem</u> from the *mount* / called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the *upper room*, where they were staying, <u>Peter</u> and <u>John</u> and <u>James</u> and <u>Andrew</u>, <u>Philip</u> and <u>Thomas</u>, <u>Bartholomew</u> and <u>Matthew</u>, <u>James</u> the son of Alphaeus and <u>Simon</u> the Zealot and <u>Judas</u> the son of James.

Theophilus

*Luke 1:3 "most excellent Theophilus"

*Means "friend of God," or "lover of God"

*Some contend that he adopted this name to indicate any believer in Christ. *Unlikely*

Kingdom of God

Appears

- -33 times in Luke
- -15 times in Mark
- -4 times in Matthew

Also has "the kingdom of heaven" 32 times*

- -1 time in John
- -6 times in the Acts

*No distinction between "the kingdom of God" and "the kingdom of heaven."

This direct commission stands out as the theme for Acts of Apostles

- 2:42-8:3 (Jerusalem)
- 8:4-12:24
- (Judea & Samaria) 12:25-28:31
- (end of the earth)

Sabbath Day's Journey

The Mishnah indicates that travel on the Sabbath was limited to 2000 cubits (Sotah 5:3), which would be approx. 1,100 meters. This journey from the Mount of Olives back to Jerusalem was about 2/3 of a mile.

Apostles

*Matt 10:2-4 *Mark 3:16-19 *Luke 6:14-16

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Phil 2:1-2

¹⁴All these with *one accord* were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the *women and Mary the mother of Jesus*, and *his brothers*.

15In those days <u>Peter</u> stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <- Peter: Acts 2:14

the <u>Holy Spirit</u> spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

¹⁷For 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*.

¹⁹And 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.'

²¹So one of the men who have *accompanied us* during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning 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*."

²³And they put forward two, <u>Joseph called</u> <u>Barsabbas</u>, who was also called <u>Justus</u>, and Matthias.

²⁴And they *prayed* and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen

²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

²⁶And they *cast lots for them*, and the lot fell on <u>Matthias</u>, and he was *numbered with the eleven apostles*.

<u>Betrayal</u> Matt 26:47-49

Mark 14:43-45 Luke 22:47-48 John 18:2-3

Matt 27:3-10 "Apparent" Contradictions

*How did Judas die? *Who acquired the field?

Scripture

*Psalm 69:25
*Psalm 109:8

Conditions for Judas' Replacement:

- (1) Accompanied us...
- (2) Witness of His resurrection

About 120

- (1) 11 Apostles
- (2) Devout women
 *Luke 8:2-3; 23:49;
 23:55-24:10,
 -Including Mary the
 mother of Jesus
- (3) Brothers of Jesus
 *Matt 13:55-56
 - *Mark 6:3
 - -James
 - -Joses (Joseph)
 - -Simon
 - -Judas
- (4) Other Disciples Including...
 - -Joseph (Barsabbas) -Matthias

Prov 16:33

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First Book / Theophilus

Luke 1:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,

Do before Teach

Matthew 5:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Given Commands

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Presented Himself Alive

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he

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appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Luke 24:13-43 (ESV)

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

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Stay in Jerusalem / Holy Spirit

Stay in the City / Clothed with Power

Luke 24:46-49 (ESV)

⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Coming of the Helper

John 14:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

John 15:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:7-15 (ESV)

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Baptize with Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11 (ESV)

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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Mark 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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John 1:26 (ESV)

²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,

Will You...Restore the Kingdom

Luke 24:45 (ESV)

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Mark 9:33-34 (ESV)

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

Mark 10:35-41 (ESV)

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

Luke 22:24 (ESV)

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

Know Times

Matthew 24:36 (ESV)

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Mark 13:32 (ESV)

³² "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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1 Thessalonians 5:1 (ESV)

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

Ascension

Luke 24:50-53 (ESV)

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Mark 16:19-20 (ESV)

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.]]

Second Coming

Matthew 24:30 (ESV)

³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mark 13:26 (ESV)

²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

Luke 21:27 (ESV)

²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Matthew 26:64 (ESV)

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Mark 14:62 (ESV)

⁶² And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Sabbath Day's Journey

Mishnah (Sotah 5:3) On that day, Rabbi Akiva expounded: (Numbers 35:5) "You shall measure outside the city on the eastern outskirts, 2000 cubits...", and another verse says (Numbers 35:4) "... from the wall of the city and outward, 1000 cubits around." It is impossible to say 1000 cubits, for it already said 2000 cubits, and it is impossible to say 2000 cubits, for it already said 1000 cubits. How does it work? One-thousand cubits is for the open land, and 2000 cubits is the Sabbath border [the distance one can travel from the city on Sabbath]." Rabbi Eliezer, son of Rabbi Yosi the Galilian says, 1000 cubits is for the open land, and 2000 cubits is for fields and orchards.

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Upper Room

Mark 14:12-16 (ESV)

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Mark 14:11 (ESV)

¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Luke 24:33-43 (ESV)

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

John 20:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:26 (ESV)

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

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<u>Apostles</u>

Matthew 10:2–4 (ESV)

² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Mark 3:16-19 (ESV)

¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Luke 6:14-16 (ESV)

¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

One Accord

Philippians 2:1-2 (ESV)

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Devout Women

Luke 8:2-3 (ESV)

² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Luke 23:49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Luke 23:55-24:10 (ESV)

⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day

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rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,

Brothers of Jesus

Matthew 13:55-56 (ESV)

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

Mark 6:3 (ESV)

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Betrayal

Matthew 26:47–49 (ESV)

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him.

Mark 14:43-45 (ESV)

⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him.

Luke 22:47-48 (ESV)

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

John 18:2-3 (ESV)

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

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Death of Judas

Matthew 27:3-10 (ESV)

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Casting Lots

Proverbs 16:33 (ESV)

³³ The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.