

^{1,1} I made the first volume, oh, friend-of-the Creator, about everything that Jesus began to do and teach, ² commanding his chosen representatives through the Divine Breath till the day he was taken up.

³ After he suffered, Jesus himself stood before them, living. With many proofs he was being seen by them for forty days while speaking about the Rule of the Creator. ⁴ While convening, Jesus directed them,

“Do not separate from Jerusalem, but remain around for the commitment of the Father which you heard of from me. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Divine Breath not many days after these things.”

⁶ Therefore, coming together, they began asking him, saying,

“Lord, is it in this time that you will restore the Rule of Israel?”

⁷ Jesus said to them,

“It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in place by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Divine Breath comes upon you. You will be my testimonies in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria, and even to the last parts of the earth.”

⁹ After saying these things and while they were looking, Jesus was lifted up and a cloud took him from their eyes. ¹⁰ As he was going, they began gazing into heaven and two men were standing before them in white apparel. ¹¹ They said,

“Men from Galilee, why do you stand, looking into heaven? This Jesus, having been taken up from you like this, will return like how you saw him going into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olive Tree, which is within grasp of Jerusalem even on a Sabbath. ¹³ When they entered, they went up into the highest room of the place where they were staying. Peter, John of Zebedee, Jacob of Zebedee, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, Jacob of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judah of Jacob, ¹⁴ along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and his brothers, were being communally steadfast through prayer.

¹⁵ In those days, Peter, standing up in the midst of the crowd of about one hundred and twenty brothers, said,

¹⁶ “Men, brothers, it is necessary for the writing to be fulfilled where the Divine Breath, through the mouth of David, warned about Judah, who guided the way for those seizing Jesus. ¹⁷ Judah was counted among us and was selected by portion for this service. ¹⁸ Then he acquired a land with his unjust reward and, falling facedown, he cracked in the middle and all his guts poured out. ¹⁹ It became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem and that land became called in their own dialect, ‘Akeldama,’ that is, ‘Field of Blood.’ ²⁰ As it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his camp become wild and let no one dwell in it,’

and

‘Let another take his visitation.’

²¹ It is necessary, therefore, of the men who came together with us—during the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went, ²² beginning from the baptism of John till the day he was taken up from us—for one of these to become a testimony with us of Jesus’s resurrection.”

²³ They had two of them stand, Joseph the one called Barsabbas (who had been called Justus) and Matthias, ²⁴ and, praying, they said,

“You Lord, knower of all hearts, lift up the one you chose from these two ²⁵ to take the place of this service and to be a representative because Judah has passed on to his own place.”

²⁶ They gave out portions to them and the portion fell to Matthias and he was calculated to be with the eleven representatives.