

# Acts 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

## Analysis

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The 'sabbath day's journey' (about 2,000 cubits or half a mile) indicates the disciples remained observant Jews. Their return to the 'upper room' established a place of prayer and community. Luke's list of the eleven apostles (minus Judas) emphasizes the witnesses who would carry Christ's testimony to the world.

## Historical Context

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The upper room was likely the same location as the Last Supper, possibly in John Mark's mother's house (Acts 12:12). This became the early church's first gathering place before Pentecost transformed their numbers.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What significance do you find in the apostles' devoted waiting rather than immediate action?
2. How does this period of prayer and unity prepare for Spirit-empowered mission?

## Interlinear Text

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Τότε    ὑπέστρεψαν    εἰς    Ἱερουσαλὴμ    ἀπὸ    ὄρους    τοῦ  
**Then**    **returned they**    **unto**    **Jerusalem**    **from**    **the mount**    G3588  
G5119    G5290    G1519    G2419    G575    G3735

καλουμένου    Ἑλαιῶνος    ὃ    ἐστίν    ἐγγὺς    Ἱερουσαλὴμ  
**called**    **Olivet**    **which**    **is**    **from**    **Jerusalem**  
G2564    G1638    G3739    G2076    G1451    G2419

σαββάτου    ἔχον    ὁδόν  
**a sabbath**    **day's journey**    G3598  
G4521    G2192

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 24:52** (References Jerusalem): And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

**Matthew 21:1** (References Jerusalem): And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

**Luke 24:50** (Parallel theme): And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.