

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

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

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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

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

καλούμενου Ἐλαιῶνος ὅ ἐστιν ἐγγὺς Ἱερουσαλὴμ
called Olivet which is from Jerusalem G2419
G2564 G1638 G3739 G2076 G1451

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

Additional Cross-References

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.