

Acts 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

Analysis

The comprehensive list of apostles emphasizes the foundation of apostolic witness. Luke includes 'Mary the mother of Jesus' and Jesus' brothers who had previously disbelieved (John 7:5). Their presence indicates resurrection faith had transformed family skepticism into devoted discipleship.

Historical Context

Jesus' brothers - James, Joses, Simon, and Judas (Matthew 13:55) - became believers after the resurrection. James later led the Jerusalem church (Acts 15) and authored the epistle bearing his name.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does the transformation of Jesus' skeptical brothers teach about resurrection faith?
2. How does the community of men and women together reflect the inclusive nature of Christ's kingdom?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ὅτε εἰσῆλθον ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ὑπερῶον οὗ
And when they were come in they went up into G2532 G3753 G1525 G305 G1519 G3588 **an upper room where** G5253 G3757

ἦσαν καταμένοντες ὃ τε Πέτρος καὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ
abode G2258 **both** G5037 **Peter** G4074 **And** G2532 **James** G2385 **And** G2532

Ἰωάννης καὶ Ἀνδρέας Φίλιππος καὶ Θωμᾶς
John G2491 **And** G2532 **Andrew** G406 **Philip** G5376 **And** G2532 **Thomas** G2381

Βαρθολομαῖος καὶ Ματθαῖος, Ἰακώβου Ἀλφαίου καὶ
Bartholomew G918 **And** G2532 **Matthew** G3156 **James** G2385 **the son of Alphaeus** G256 **And** G2532

Σίμων ὁ ζηλωτὴς καὶ Ἰούδας Ἰακώβου
Simon G4613 G3588 **Zelotes** G2208 **And** G2532 **Judas** G2455 **James** G2385

Additional Cross-References

Acts 20:8 (Parallel theme): And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

Luke 22:12 (Parallel theme): And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

Mark 14:15 (Parallel theme): And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

Mark 2:14 (Parallel theme): And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

Acts 2:38 (References Peter): Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 12:17 (Parallel theme): But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

James 1:1 (Parallel theme): James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.