

Acts 1:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

Analysis

The qualifications for apostolic replacement - 'companied with us all the time' - emphasized eyewitness testimony. The phrase 'beginning from the baptism of John' indicates the full scope of Jesus' public ministry. Apostolic authority required personal experience with the incarnate Christ.

Historical Context

This criterion explains why Paul, called later, needed special validation as an apostle. The emphasis on continuous witness from John's baptism to the ascension established apostolic credibility.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Why was eyewitness testimony essential for apostolic authority?
2. How does this principle inform your trust in Scripture's historical reliability?

Interlinear Text

δεῖ οὖν τῶν συνελθόντων ἡμῖν ἀνδρῶν ἐν παντὶ¹
G1163 **Wherefore** G3588 **which have companied** **with us** **men** **that** **all**
G3767 G4905 G2254 G435 G1722 G3956

χρόνῳ ἐν ᾧ εἰσῆλθεν καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ὁ
the time **that** G3739 **in** **and** **out** **among** **us** G3588
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the Lord **Jesus**
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Additional Cross-References

John 15:27 (Parallel theme): And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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