

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	οὕν	τῶν	συνελθόντων	ἡμῖν	ἀνδρῶν	ἐν	παντὶ	
G1163	Wherefore	G3588	which have companied	with us	men	that	all	
	G3767		G4905	G2254	G435	G1722	G3956	
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the time	that	G3739	in	and	out	among	us	G3588
G5550	G1722		G1525	G2532	G1831	G1909	G2248	
κύριος	Ἰησοῦς							
the Lord	Jesus							
G2962	G2424							

Additional Cross-References

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