

Acts 1:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Analysis

The replacement must witness 'his resurrection' - the central apostolic testimony. The phrase 'be ordained to be a witness' (martyra) emphasizes the witnessing role. Apostleship was fundamentally about testifying to the risen Christ based on personal encounter.

Historical Context

Resurrection witness defined apostolic mission. The earliest Christian preaching (Acts 2:32, 3:15, 5:32) consistently emphasized eyewitness testimony to Jesus' resurrection as Christianity's foundation.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why is resurrection witness central to Christian proclamation?
2. How do you bear witness to the risen Christ in your sphere of influence?

Interlinear Text

ἀρξάμενος ἀφ' τοῦ βαπτίσματος Ἰωάννου ἔως τῆς
Beginning from G3588 the baptism of John unto G3588
G756 G575 G908 G2491 G2193

ἡμέρας ἡς ἀνελήφθη ἀφ' ἡμῶν μάρτυρα τῆς
that same day that he was taken up from us to be a witness G3588
G2250 G3739 G353 G575 G2257 G3144

ἀναστάσεως αὐτοῦ γενέσθαι σὺν ἡμῖν ἐνα τούτων
resurrection of his be ordained with us one G5130
G386 G846 G1096 G4862 G2254 G1520

Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:2 (Parallel theme): Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Acts 4:33 (Resurrection): And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.