

# Acts 1:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

## Analysis

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The two candidates - Joseph Barsabas (called Justus) and Matthias - both met the qualifications. The choice between equally qualified candidates was submitted to divine determination through prayer and lot-casting. This demonstrates dependence on God's wisdom beyond human assessment.

## Historical Context

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Both candidates had witnessed Jesus' entire ministry, resurrection, and ascension. Their willingness to be submitted to divine choice shows humility about leadership positions.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when equally qualified for a position that goes to another?
2. What does submitting decisions to God's choice teach about leadership appointment?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἔστησαν δύο Ἰωσήφ τὸν καλούμενον Βαρσαβᾶν  
**And** **they appointed** **two** **Joseph** <sup>G3588</sup> **called** **Barsabas**  
G2532 G2476 G1417 G2501 G2564 G923

ὃς ἐπεκλήθη Ἰοῦστος καὶ Ματθίαν  
**who** **was surnamed** **Justus** **And** **Matthias**  
G3739 G1941 G2459 G2532 G3159

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:22** (Parallel theme): Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: