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“A MONUMENTAL MOTHER” - Acts 1:12-26
TEACHING ON TUESDAYS

I. What’s in the Books of Acts?

1. It is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke.
2. Highlights the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.
3. Illustrates the geographical movement of the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome.
4. Highlights God’s spiritual reach beyond the Jews to the gentiles.
5. Underscores the preaching and miracles done by the apostles.
6. Accentuates the day of Pentecost and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
7. Affirms Peter’s sermon whereby 3,000 people were saved.
8. Describes Paul’s conversion on the Damascus Road.
9. Defines Antioch as the place the disciples were first called Christians.

II. Who is Mary the mother of Jesus?

1. A virgin who was impregnated by the Holy Spirit.
2. A teenage mother espoused to Joseph.
3. A poor girl who was favored to carry the savior of the world.
4. Had to hide her newborn baby from the evil Pharaoh.
5. Was the cousin of Elizabeth who was the mother of John the Baptist.
6. Saw John the Baptist leap in Elizabeth’s womb.
7. Dedicated Jesus at the temple when he was days old.
8. Lost Jesus when he was 12 years old but found him in the temple teaching.
9. Gave birth to at least 6 other children.
10. Encouraged Jesus to perform his 1st miracle at the wedding in Cana.
11. Stayed by her son’s side even at the cross.
12. She was a praying woman as seen in Acts 1:14

III. How do we better understand Mary in Acts 1?

1. Mary could not stop the unjust crucifixion and execution of her child.
2. Mary was an eyewitness to the massacre and murder of Jesus.
3. Mary was still grieving and mourning the loss of a son.

IV. What traits made Mary a MONUMENTAL MOTHER?

1. Mary was a **PERSERVERING** mother who gathered with others despite her personal pain. (v.12)
2. Mary was a **PRAYING** mother who joined the intercessors for corporate prayer. (v.14)
3. Mary was a **POSITIVE** mother who influenced others to advance the Kingdom of God. (v.14)
4. Mary was a **PRODUCTIVE** mother who participated in the vote for Judas’ replacement. (v.23)
5. Mary was a **PATIENT** mother who trusted God to reveal Judas’ successor. (v.24)

V. What spiritual action steps can we learn from Mary?

1. **PERSEVERE** against the odds despite your pain.
2. **PRAY** with people who believe in the providence of God.
3. **POSITIVELY** impact others knowing they are watching.
4. **PRODUCTIVELY** participate in the progress of God’s Kingdom.
5. **PATIENTLY** and peacefully wait on God’s will to be done.