

the right one. No, but they prayed and said, thou o Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen that he may take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias. What does that mean, they gave forth their lots. There is no explanation given here. In the line with many events in the O.T., it would seem quite reasonable that what they did was to cast lots. Believing that God would show by ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ means of lots, in that case, which of the two He had selected to be it. That is what was done in many cases in the O.T., it is entirely possible that is what was done here. Now suppose somebody wants to say, well, they gave forth their lots, means they cast a vote. The lot fell upon ~~XXXXXX~~ means the ~~majority~~ majority vote. I don't think that is what it ~~XXXX~~ means. Well, at least you do not have here evidence for Peter being the divinely chosen director, but you certainly are a long way from having evidence here that the majority vote decided this final matter, and there are even many Christians who say that the whole thing was wrong. That Matthias was never an apostle at all. They say that Paul was the apostle, and this was a mistake. I think that is going pretty far, when something is given in the Scripture without any ~~stated~~ statement that it was a mistake, for us to see. But it is interesting that some feel that way.

(question) Peter said, of those who are, this is necessary, if a man has been with Him right ~~from the start~~ from the start. Peter put a certain ~~qualification~~ qualification before them, but he certainly recognized there was more than one man who fulfilled the qualifications. And..I don't think that this means that there were only two who had this qualification. It would seem quite evidently that those were the two who they thought were worthy and who had the qualification.

(question) I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what there were a lot of fellows at the beginning, but many of them may have dropped away. Or some may have come back again. Of those who came and others had dropped off, I would imagine that even of the best of them, some of them may have had to go home to raise some money for their families for a month or two or six months in