

Dictionary (5 found)

crisis

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crisis manage...

crisis | 'krīsis |

noun (plural **crises** | -,sēz |)

a time of **intense difficulty, trouble, or danger**: *the current economic crisis | a family in crisis | a crisis of semiliteracy among high school graduates.*

- a time when **a difficult or important decision** must be made: [*as modifier*] : *a crisis point of history.*
- **the turning point** of a disease when an important change takes place, indicating either recovery or death.

ORIGIN

late Middle English (denoting the turning point of a disease): medical Latin, from Greek *krisis* 'decision', from *krinein* 'decide'. The general sense 'decisive point' dates from the early 17th century.

“Crisis”

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 - Trouble or danger
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 - Critical turning point

WHEN DO WE EXPERIENCE A CRISIS?

What does it feel like?

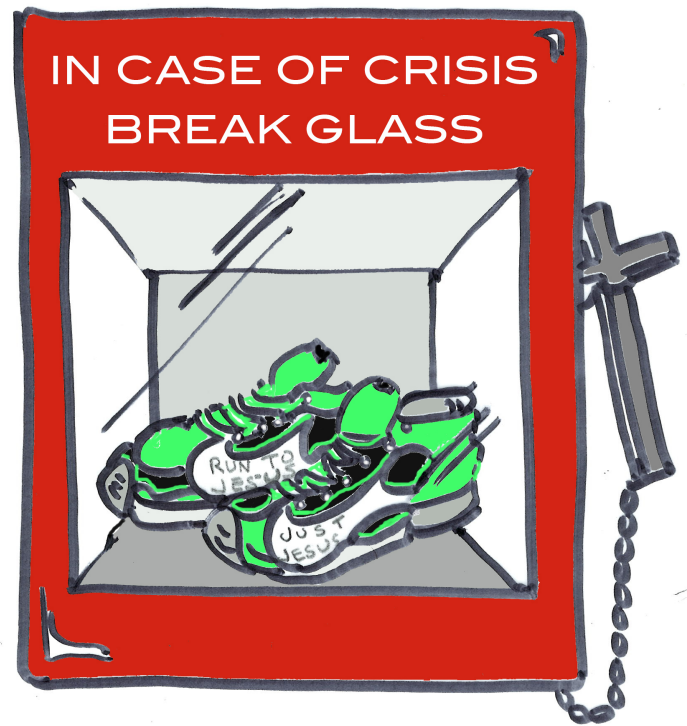
WHAT DO WE TEND TO DO IN A CRISIS?

What should we do in a crisis?

In case of crisis...

Acts 1:12-26

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A brief history of the New Testament

- Jesus: birth – life – death by execution
 – resurrection – ascension

**GOSPELS: MATTHEW,
 MARK, LUKE, JOHN**

- Holy Spirit comes on the church
 - Jerusalem: birth of church
 - Antioch: Jewish and Gentile together
 - Rome: to the ends, and beyond...

ACTS

**LETTERS FROM THE
 APOSTLE PAUL**

LETTERS FROM OTHERS

- Jesus' return
 - His kingdom perfectly expressed

REVELATION

The Crisis

- Jesus is gone
- One of Jesus' chosen apostles betrayed Jesus & them
- All of Jesus' chosen apostles abandoned Him
 - Seemingly... both Jesus and chosen apostles failed
- They didn't know what was going to happen
- They didn't know who could lead, or who would lead
- Maybe that's why they kept staring into the sky...
 - Trouble or danger
 - Difficult decision
 - Critical turning point
- What did they do?

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12-14: Praying: in **unity** and **devotion**

15-17: • Following Jesus' example

18-19: • "Jesus was baptized too. And he was praying..."

20-22: • "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

23-26: • "Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God."

• "Once when Jesus was praying in private..."

• "As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face changed..."

• "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place..."

• "I have prayed for you, Simon..."

• "Jesus knelt down and prayed ... more earnestly

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15-17: Following Scripture: replace Judas

- 18-19: • Peter takes leadership, even though He was the worst
 20-22: offender among them (denied even knowing Jesus)
 23-26: • “But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may
 not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen
 your brothers.” *Luke 22:32 (Jesus’ promised grace)*
- Judas’s failure and Judas’s replacement were
 predicted *Acts 1:20*
 - Scripture helped them understand past, present,
 and future

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18-19: Judas’s horrible outcome

- 20-22: • Leading people to kill the Son of God is horrible!
 23-26: • Matthew: suicide was sufficiently shameful for Jews
- Luke: perhaps he included graphic details
 to express the extent of shame for Gentiles
 - Judas’s betrayal could not derail God’s plan
 - Opposing God’s plan can be deadly (repeats in Acts)

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20-22: Gospel focus: witness of Jesus' whole ministry

- 23-26:
- Historical reliability of these events is central to Gospel witness
 - Christianity is not merely a philosophy or a way of life or a source of hope
 - Christianity is an action of God to save people
 - Bible clearly claims historical accuracy of these events, and our hope depends on it

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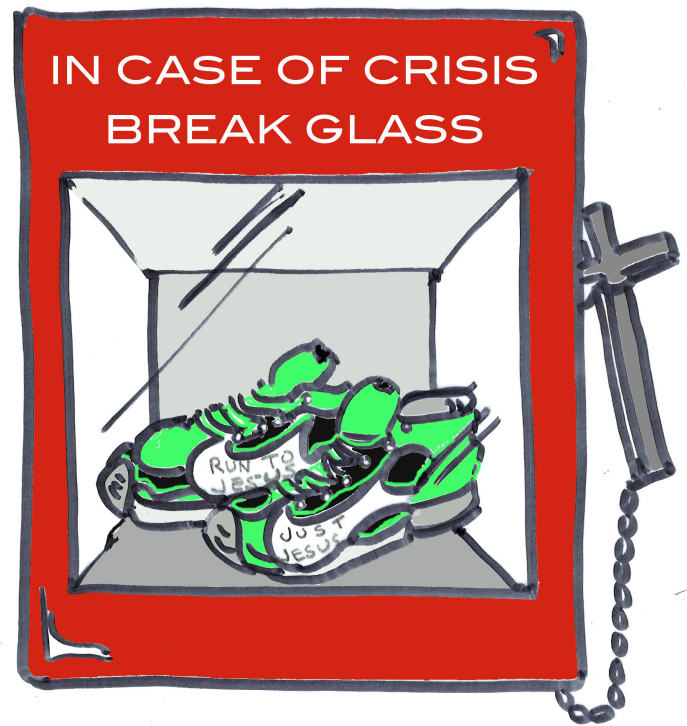
23-26: By wisdom and Jesus' direction: Mathias chosen

- They narrowed the list carefully
- They prayed for God's direction
- They discerned the choice Jesus had already made
 - Description of them using lots isn't prescribing us to
 - Rest of Acts: prayer and dialogue together

Discerned = Recognized, perceived
prescribing = dictating, commanding

Big Idea

**In crisis or confusion...
run to Jesus!**



The Big Idea

**In crisis or confusion...
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- **Prayer:** united and devoted
- **Scripture:** united and devoted
- **Gospel:** its relevance
- **Wisdom:** living
- **Jesus' will:** discerning and obeying His direction

AND GOD WORKED...

INDIVIDUALLY

TOGETHER