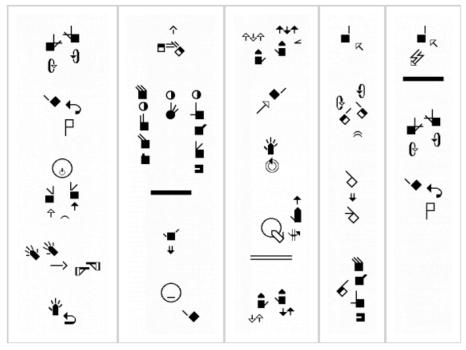
GOD TAKES ATTENDANCE



Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

A half mile walk for a total change in lifestyle. The disciples were told to return to a specific place and do a specific thing: Jerusalem - wait for the Promise.

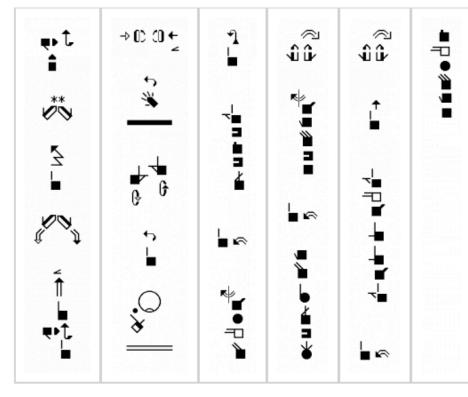
Olivet was the mountain with the garden of Gethsemane which is also mentioned in

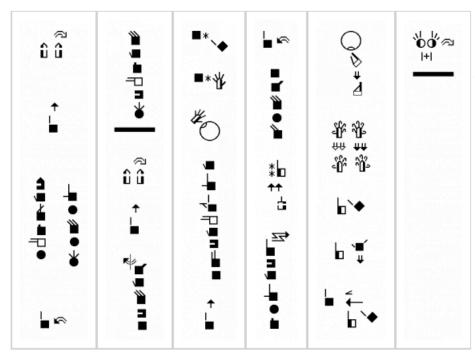
Ezekiel 11:23.

Sabbath is the Hebrew word for Saturday or day of rest, the Seventh Day.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas,

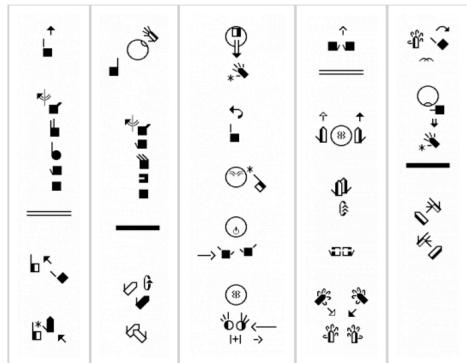
The Upper Room, might be the place the Last Supper was held and some of the resurrection appearance. Possibly the home of the mother of John Mark. (Acts 12:12)





Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes,

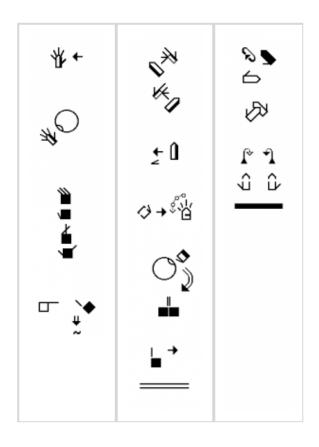
The Eleven
apostles are listed
here. Judas had
committed suicide.
They carried the
Lord's message to
the world. PeterRome, Jamesbeheaded, John-Isle
of Patmos, Andrewbrought brother to the
Lord, patron saint of
Scotland.



and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women,

They gave up their earthly dreams to complete their commission, then continued by united prayer and purpose along with the women.



and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Jesus' brothers did not originally believe in Him. (John 7:5) They too had a need to wait for the promise of the Father. (Luke 24:49)

Here the Lord's family is mentioned. They are listed last. They were clearly not the leaders. although James later became the head of the Jerusalem church. He is believed to be the author of the book of James and Jude the author of that book. (Matthew 13:53) The significance being that Mary did have other children. She did not remain a virgin and Jesus' birth family had no special positions.

There comes a time in the life of every believer to be used in a more powerful way than they had ever experienced. Mt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen. Each disciple chooses how much of their time, how much of their resources, and how much of their talent they will give to the furtherance of the kingdom of God. This is our true work.

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

The only work we can bring to heaven is the love we showed and people we helped to know Jesus. We cannot bring our houses, cars, skills, etc. Those are tools.

Think of your life here as a time to honor, not to be honored. I illustrate this through the Academy Awards, Oscars. We are like the presenters. Like the people chosen to present the awards; that is our honor, to be allowed to honor the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ is our pleasure. God has given this great honor. And, someday we will have the privilege of God rewarding us for our work. 1 Corinthians 3:8 But, let not that be our dream. Instead, think it an honor to give glory to someone so great, to have the hands of Jesus accept what we offer, to have His eyes look upon us, and to be in His presence when He is honored before the Universe.

Attendance is important; we cannot receive if we are not present.