

“...It seems like there is an awful lot of Paul worship going on lately...”

## **Apostles And Epistles**

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# **I. What Are Apostles?**

# “Disciples” – Mt.10:1

- Answer to prayer, Mt.9:35-38
- One sent, Mt.10:2-4 [5-6]
  - Their proof, 1, 8
  - Their preaching, 7
  - Their power, 11-15

**Resistance is fatal**

**Dust: Ac.13:51**

**Lk.10:16**

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**II. Who Made Apostles?**

# Mark 14:17

Last Supper: only Jesus and the twelve

- Jn.13:3, prepares them for His leaving; 4-15, teaches humility (16, *sent*)
- Jn.14:15-18, Holy Spirit – **Helper** (16): **one called to someone's aid**
- Jn.15:26-27, '*testify of Me*' through men – '*with Him from the beginning*'
- Jn.16:8-14, convict world of sin...

# John 16:12-13

- 12, Jesus could not explain everything to them now
- 13, Spirit → guide them into all truth

Apostles are . . .

Spokesmen: Christ → Spirit → apostles

Steered: into truth; did not make it up

Secured: all truth; no more to come

# John 16:13

- Jude 3

Once and for all -BDAG  
Once and never again -L-N  
(1 Pt.3:18)

- James 1:25

Perfect: brought to its end,  
finished; wanting nothing  
necessary to completeness

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- Chose them as apostles, 1:2
- Commanded them as apostles, 1:2 [Ga.1]
- Confirmed truth for them as witnesses, 1:3, 8; 2:32, etc.
- Corrected them as students, 1:6-7
- Commissioned them as ambassadors, 1:8, 9-11
- Continued work in them from heaven, 1:9-11, 12-26



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- Requirements for apostles, 1:21-22
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**Matthias selected  
before church was  
established...  
by Lord...  
no laying on hands**

# Acts 2: Spirit begins to fulfill John 14:26; 16:13

- Acts 2:1-4 = 1:4-5, 8, *power*.

Languages, 2

Blind, 13

Lame, 3

Exorcism, 19

Death, 5

Immunity, 28

Gifts, 8

Speaking, Mt.10

# Acts 2:42, continued in apostles' teaching

- So must we –
  - 1 Co.14:37, Lord's commandments
  - 2 Tim.3:14, must continue in ...
  - 2 Pt.3:2, commandment of apostles...
  - 2 Jn.9, perilous progress...
  - Jude 17, remember words of apostles
- Gal.1:6-9, "another gospel..."
- Hb.13:20, everlasting covenant...