

# The Apostles of Jesus Christ



**Mark 3:13-19**

# The Appointment

- **Mark 3:13-19**, “*Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. These are the twelve he appointed: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter, James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.”*
- **Acts 1:26**, **Matthias**, **1 Corinthians 15:7**, **Paul**

# Eyewitnesses of God's Plan

- **Jesus, alive through their proofs**
  - **Acts 1:1-3, “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God...”**

# Eyewitnesses of God's Plan

- Commissioned to testify concerning him
  - **Acts 1:8**, Jesus said, *“...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*
- Eyewitnesses of the resurrection
  - **Acts 1:21-22**, Peter said, *“...of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.”*

# Testified Again & Again

- **Acts 2:32, “*This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.”***
- **Acts 4:33, “*...with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”***
- **Acts 5:30-32, “*The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things...” (ETC...ETC...ETC)***

# Offered Solid Basis For Our Faith

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- We believe in Jesus through their word
    - **John 17:20**, Jesus said, *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word...”*
  - Their lives & deaths give them credibility
    - **1 Corinthians 4:9-13**, Paul’s summary of the Apostles trials and persecutions
    - **2 Corinthians 11:23-28**, Paul’s summary of his personal trials and persecutions
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# Sent Out to Preach His Gospel

- **Mark 16:15**, *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*
- **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**, *“...God hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”*
- **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**, *“Now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*

# Continued His Work

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- **John 16:13-14**, *“...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*
- **Acts 20:27**, *“...I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*
- **2 Peter 1:3**, They taught, *“...all things that pertain unto life and godliness...”*

# The Authority for The Church

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- **Acts 2:42**, “...*they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*”
  - **1 Thessalonians 2:13**, “...*when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God...*”
  - **1 Corinthians 14:37**, “*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*”
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# Part of the Church's Foundation

- **Ephesians 2:19-22**, *“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”*
- **Revelation 21:14**, **Names recorded on the twelve foundations of the New Jerusalem**

# Conclusion

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- **Give Honor/Respect to Christ's Apostles**
  - Continue steadfastly in their doctrine, **Acts 2:42**
  - Respect authority of their doctrine, **Matt. 16:19**
- **Drift away from the apostles of Jesus Christ; drift away from the great salvation made possible by him!**

**Hebrews 2:1-4**

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