

Twelve (extra) Ordinary Men

God's Ambassadors of the Good News
Matthew 10:1-4

5 Questions help clarify the nature of Apostleship:

1. What was the primary meaning of an Apostle in the New Testament?

- One who was "_____ out" to _____ the Gospel message as an "ambassador" of Christ (*Mark 6:7*).
- 12 of Jesus' disciples, _____ by Him _____ to be Apostles (*Mat. 10:2-4, Mark 3:16-19, Luke 6:12-19, Acts 1:13, 24-26*).
- _____ the _____ Jesus with their own eyes (*Acts 1:22, 1 Cor. 9:1*).
- Given _____ ability by Jesus _____, in order to confirm and _____ the coming of the Kingdom of God (*Mat. 10:1, Acts 2:43, 2 Cor. 12:12*).
- Used by God as the _____ through which most of the New Testament was given (*Acts 2:42, Eph. 3:5*).

2. Was the number of the Apostles (12) significant?

- Yes. It represented God's _____ on the 12 _____ of Israel (*Luke 22:29-30*).
- In choosing 12 men, Jesus was _____ new _____ for the New Covenant kingdom (*Eph. 2:20*).

3. How long did the position of Apostle extend?

- As long as the 12 Apostles were _____, since they were the _____ of the church... (*Eph. 2:20, Gal. 2:9, Rev. 21:14*).
- ... and since the requirements to be an apostle are _____ available.

4. Why are teachers in the New Apostolic Reformation movement teaching that each church should now have a "present day Apostle?"

- Often times, based on a _____ of Ephesians 4:11-12 (*Eph. 2:15*).

- The hazard of this movement is that "present day Apostles" sometimes try to bring in a prophetic _____ that dangerously _____ the authority of Scripture.
- During the present church age, the _____ of Scripture, not any one _____, governs the direction of the church (*Acts 17:11, 2 Tim. 3:16, Heb. 4:12, 1 Pet. 1:20*).

5. Can a person still be sent out as an ambassador for Christ?

- Absolutely! In fact, every Christian should be an _____ for Jesus (*2 Cor. 5:17-21*).

Article: What is the New Apostolic Reformation?

<https://www.gotquestions.org/New-Apostolic-Reformation.html>

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:16-19	Luke 6:12-19	Acts 1:13
Simon	Simon	Simon	Peter
Andrew	James	Andrew	James
James	John	James	John
John	Andrew	John	Andrew
Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
James, Son of Alphaeus	James, Son of Alphaeus	James, Son of Alphaeus	James, Son of Alphaeus
Thaddaeus	Thaddaeus	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Simon the Cananaean	Simon the Cananaean	Judas, Son of James	Judas, Son of James
Judas Isacariot	Judas Isacariot	Judas Isacariot	