

# Apostles - What We Know From Scripture And History

Week 2 - January 31 / February 1

## THE TWELVE DISCIPLES – WEESING

Peter, Andrew, James, and John, fishermen of Capernaum  
Thomas and Saint Matthew too, Philip and Bartholemew  
James, his brother Thaddeus, Simon and the one named Judas  
12 Disciples here in all following the Master's call.

**WHY WERE THE DISCIPLES WHO BECAME APOSTLES CHOSEN TO BE APOSTLES?**

**ONE THEOLOGIAN: “EXTRAORDINARY IN THEIR ORDINARINESS”**

**WHAT DO YOU DO THAT'S EXTRAORDINARY THANKS TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU?**

**ACTS 2:42-47**

**REVIEW: DISCIPLE VS APOSTLE**

**MATTHEW 28:18-20**

We are all called to be, and invite others to be, “disciples”,  
but we are not “apostles” in the Biblical sense.

II Corinthians 11:1-15 defines what a “false” apostle looks like  
some use this text to definitively state that there are no apostles today – appropriate?

## THE SELECTION PROCESS

Mark 3:13 & Luke 6:12 – at what point in Jesus' 3 year ministry did He call the 12?

Was this, up to this point, a vetting process?

??? did Jesus call others to follow Him that He did not select to be Apostles ???

John 17:1-20

### 3 GROUPS

John 1:35-42

<b>Matthew 10:2-4</b>	<b>Mark 3:16-19</b>	<b>Luke 6:14-16</b>	<b>Acts 1:13-26</b>
Peter Andrew James John	Peter James John Andrew	Peter Andrew James John	Peter John James Andrew
Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Thomas Matthew	Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew Thomas	Philip Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew Thomas	Philip Thomas Bartholomew (Nathanael) Matthew
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Acts 4:13 - tax collector – Zealot – fishermen – some brash – some soft-spoken  
What is important is not what they were but what they would become.

### WHY 12? GENESIS 35

#### THEIR TASK – MATTHEW 10:1-7

#### THAT AUTHORITY GREW AS THEY GREW – MATTHEW 16:19

#### WHAT THE APOSTLES HAD TO OVERCOME

What do we learn from these two passages? Matthew 5: 21-24 & John 20:1-10

- They lacked spiritual understanding
- They lacked humility
- They lacked power
- They lacked faith

Acts 1:1-8

Hebrews 11:6

**Training + Holy Spirit moves us in the right direction but we never “arrive”**

#### HOW DID THE APOSTLES DIE?

Acts 12:1-2

John 21:15-25