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**Matthew 10:1-4**

**Jesus Gives Authority to His Apostles**

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**Matthew 10:1-2**

Jesus summoned His **twelve disciples** and **gave them authority** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Now the names of the **twelve apostles** are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother...

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**Matthew 10:3-4**

Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

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**Applications**

1. We must know that Jesus' apostles were His uniquely called spokesmen.
2. We should understand that the apostles are the foundation of the church and gave us Christ's very word.
3. We must know that no person today can meet the fourfold criteria of Christ's apostles.

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**The Sent One Has Authority**

**1 Samuel 25:14, 25**

But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, **David sent messengers** from the wilderness to greet our master, **and he scorned them...**" **25** Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord **whom you sent.**

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**Jesus: The Original Sent One**

**Hebrews 3:1**

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, **the Apostle** and High Priest of our confession...

**John 6:29**

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you **believe in Him whom He has sent.**"

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### The Apostles Must Not Be Rejected

#### **Matthew 10:40**

He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

#### **Luke 10:16**

The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

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### Apostles and Prophets: The Foundation

#### **Ephesians 2:19–20**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone...

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### Apostles and Prophets

**Apostle Peter**



Mark’s gospel

**Apostle Paul**



Luke’s gospel

**Acts 11:27–28** Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

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### Criteria for the Apostles

1. Objectively called
2. Eyewitness to resurrection
3. Did miraculous deeds
4. Taught by Christ

**Acts 1:21** Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—

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### The Word Isn’t Changing!

#### **Jude 3**

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

#### **Revelation 22:18**

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book...

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