

King and His Ambassadors

Matthew 10:1-7

I) **Their Titles** (twelve Disciples – twelve Apostles)

A. Disciple

1. Student – To Learn

Matt 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

2. Follower – To Do (Follow - to imitate, to copy)

Matt 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Luke 14:27

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

B. Apostle

1. One who is Sent

Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¶ 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2. One who is Commissioned (Charge; order; mandate; authority given)

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II) **Their Touch** (He Gave them Power)

A. Power of the Spirit

Acts 1:8

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

B. Power of the Scriptures

Rom 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

III) Their Task (These twelve Jesus Sent)

A. To Represent their King

B. To Reveal the Kingdom

Conclusion

2 Cor 5:17-20

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then 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.

- 1. God wants to bring a lost world that is far from Him back into a right relationship with Him.**
- 2. He provided a way for this to happen through the work and ministry of Jesus.**
- 3. We have been given the responsibility to spread this message of Gods desire to bring people back to Himself.**
- 4. As an ambassador I am speaking to people in Christ stead, as though it was Christ speaking Himself.**

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And when **he had called** unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power** against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 **These twelve Jesus sent forth**, and **commanded them**, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And **as ye go, preach**, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.