

## 22 APOSTLES

APOSTLE-GREEK-APOSTOZOS - One sent forth. When the Bible talks of sending one or more, it is "always" for a mission.

Some Apostles are known to the Christian world by name, others are mentioned in the word of God, but go unnoticed, and little if anything, is known about them.

The **12 original Apostles** are as follows: Simon also called Peter, Andrew, his brother, James & John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus called Judas the son of James in Luke 6:16, Simon the Cananean or the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Him. Matt. 10:2-4.

Then we have **Matthias** who took Judas' place in Acts 1:26. what qualifications were needed for an Apostle to be named in Judas' place?

**Paul** was a Chosen Apostle directly from Christ for the Gentiles, taught and sent by Christ, Himself. Gal. 1:11-12.

Barnabas is called an apostle with Paul in Acts 14:4 & 14:14.

Titus is called an apostle in 2 Cor. 8:23. Remember a messenger is also called an apostle.

Paul calls Silas and Timothy apostles in 1 Thess. 2:6.

James the Lord's brother was referred to as an apostle in Galatians 1:19.

Epaphroditus was a apostle. Phil. 2:25

Apollos perhaps. 1 Cor. 4:6-9 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to **myself and Apollos** for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. (7) For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (8) You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, *I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.* (9) For, I think, God has exhibited **us apostles** last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

Last, but not least, is Jesus Christ, Himself, in Heb. 3:1, Sent from God. [John 20:21]

**Each had a message to give to the world. Each had the task of giving the same message to others to pass on.**

Simon Peter, "A Stone" - denotes a piece of rock, a detached stone or boulder, in contrast to "Petra", a mass of rock, a sure foundation, solid and unmovable. He was from a town called

Bethsaida, John 1:44, His father's name was John, and he was a fisherman. Jesus called him Cephas", means Peter, John 1:42. In the book of Acts, Peter is sent to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles. He was a married man, Mark 1:30, I Cor. 9:5. But at the time of Christ, he lived in Capernaum. Mark 1:21-29.-

Andrew, "Manly" - Peter's brother, lived in same place as Peter. (John 1:44) Andrew and Philip were the first to meet Jesus as Christ. (John 1:33-40) They then told Peter. Tradition says that he was crucified on an X-shaped cross. Today it is called a St. Andrews cross, Philip, "Lover of Horses" - He lived in same town as Peter and Andrew. (John 1:44) Like Andrew, he was the first disciple of John the Baptist. (John 1:43) He brought Nathaniel, better known as Bartholomew, to Christ. John 1:45.

James, "Jacob or supplanter" - Brother partners with John & Peter. (Luke 5:10) He to die as a martyr for Christ, (Acts 12:2)

John, "Jehovah Has Been Gracious" - Same background as his brother. He, along with James, was called by Jesus, "Sons of Thunder". (Mark 3:17) Also called the one Jesus loved, and who he entrusted with His mother. (John 19:26-27) He went in to watch the trial of Jesus. (John 18:15) He was placed on the Isle of Patmos where he was exiled for the preaching of the Gospel. (Rev 1:9)

Bartholomew, also called Nathaniel, John 1:41-51. Matthew, Mark, and Luke never call him Nathaniel, and John never calls him Bartholomew. nothing else is known about him.

Thomas, "Twin" - He is also called Didymus or the twin. (John 11:16; 20:24; 11:2) He was the one who said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. Show us the way." (John 14:1-6.) After Jesus resurrected, he was not with the others. (John 20:24) Later, cried out, "My Lord, my God." vs. 28.

Matthew, "Gift of Yahweh, or True" - Tax collector. (Matt. 10:3) Also called Levi, Mark 2:14, Luke 5:27. In same verses, he gave up his tax collecting job and followed Jesus, gave big reception for Jesus. vs, 29,

*The following are not to be confused with the Apostles:*

*"Andronicus" and "Junias" found in Romans 16:7 simply had tremendous respect with the Apostles.*

*"Junias" is a feminine name. There are no female Apostles nor can there be.*