

The Book of Acts

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The Early Church

The Apostles' Teaching

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Who were the teaching Apostles?

- Apostle means “one who sent with a special commission”.
- Jesus chose the 12 from among as many as 72 men to be his apostles. *Luke 6:12-16, 10:1, 17, 1 Cor1:1, Heb 3:1*
- The Apostles were with Jesus throughout his ministry and heard his teaching firsthand. *Matt 11:1*
- They were witnesses to his supernatural power and miracles. *Matt 8:23-27*
- Jesus sent out the 12 Apostles and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. *Matt 10:1, Mk 6:7*
- Jesus revealed his true identity to the Apostles and Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as the messiah is the “bedrock” on which the church is to be built. *Matt 16:13-19, Eph 2:19-22*

What did the Apostles teach?

- In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught his followers that he came to fulfill the Law and Prophets not to abolish them. *Matt 5:17-20*
- After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples and taught them to see his life, death and resurrection as the fulfillment of the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. *Luke 24:13-27, 36-45, Acts 1:1-11*
- Peter’s first sermon reveals the true fulfillment of Old Testament Scripture as he quotes from the book of Joel and the Psalms in proclaiming the Gospel on the day of Pentecost. *Joel 2:28-32, Psa 16:8-11*
- The pattern and themes of the teaching in the early church was an explanation of events, the gospel or “good news” of salvation by the life, death, resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ, and the exhortation to repentance and baptism. *Mk 1:1, Acts 2: 22-24, 1Cor 15:1-1*