

THE APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST



EXERCISE 1



Jesus Christ selected twelve of His disciples to be Apostles. You will find the names of these first twelve Apostles in the following Bible text from Luke 6:



12. Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve, whom He also named Apostles:

14. Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

15. Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;

16. Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

1. Compare the names in the Bible text to those written on the board. Cross out the incorrect names and add the missing ones!

2. Transfer the names into the following table:

In addition to the Apostles whom the Lord Himself called, the Bible also names the following Apostles: **Matthias**, who replaced Judas Iscariot, **Barnabas**, **Paul**, **Andronicus**, **Junias**, **Timothy**, **Silvanus**, referred to as Silas in Acts, and **James**, the Lord's brother.

EXERCISE 2



In the following Bible passages, underline the tasks and responsibilities of an Apostle.

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5: 20).

“For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth’” (Acts 13: 47).

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20: 23).

“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Corinthians 4: 1).

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it” (1 Corinthians 3: 9–10).

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This is a group photograph taken at a meeting of the District Apostles and their helpers in Berlin (Germany) in October 2014



At this time (October 2014) there were 347 active Apostles.