

Christ Ordaining the Apostles

Matthew 10:1–4; Mark 3:13–19; Luke 6:12–16; John 15:16

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. Mark 3:14

Early in His ministry, Jesus spent an entire night in the mountains praying to Heavenly Father. When daylight came, He called His faithful followers to Him and chose twelve whom He ordained to be Apostles. They were Simon Peter and his brother Andrew; James and John the sons of Zebedee; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James the son of Alpheus; Thaddeus; Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot. (See Matthew 10:2–4; Mark 3:13, 16–19; Luke 6:12–16.)

Jesus gave the Twelve the power of the priesthood, which they were to use to help Him in

His work—preaching the gospel, healing the sick, raising the dead, and casting out unclean spirits (see Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:14–15).

As Jesus neared the end of His earthly ministry, He reminded the Apostles at the Last Supper that He had called them and ordained them to preach the gospel. Jesus told the Apostles that as they did this work, “whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you” (John 15:16).

Summary

By revelation Jesus Christ chose twelve of His followers and ordained them to be His Apostles. He gave them the priesthood, which is the power

to act in His name, so that they could preach the gospel and minister to the people.

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