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Are You Content With God's Spokesmen?

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Outline of Mark 6:6b-13, 30

Mark 1:17 Jesus Calls the first "Fishers of Men"

Mark 6:6b-13 Jesus Sends The "Fishermen" Mark 6:14-29 Herod Kills John The Baptist Mark 6:30 The "Fishermen" report to Jesus

Jesus Gives The Twelve His Authority

Mark 6:6b-7 And He was going around the villages teaching. And He summoned **the twelve** and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits...

- 1 Samuel 25:5 So David **sent** ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, visit Nabal and greet him in my name..."
- 1 Samuel 25:40 When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you to take you as his wife."

The One Sent Has The King's Authority

1 Kings 14:6-7a When Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you with a harsh message. Go, say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel...

John 13:16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is **one who is sent** greater than the one who sent him.

The Twelve Must Rely Upon God

Mark 6:8-9 ...and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt—but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics."

Rejecting The Apostles Is Rejecting Christ	
Mark 6:10-11 And He said to them, "Wherever	
you enter a house, stay there until you leave town Any place that does not receive you or	-
listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a	-
testimony against them."	
Rejecting The Apostles Is Rejecting God	
Deuteronomy 18:18-19 I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I	
will put My words in his mouthIt shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words	
which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.	-
Luke 10:16 The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me;	
and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.	-
Sent Me.	
The Twelve Minister In Jesus' Name	
Mark 6:12-13 They went out and preached that men should repent. And they were casting	
out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.	
Mark 6:14 And King Herod heard of it, for His name had become well known;	

The	Twelve	Are	Called	Α	postles

Mark 6:30 The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.

- 1. **Apostles** = (office) spokesmen for Christ
- 2. apostles = those commissioned for a task

The Twofold Usage of Apostle

<u>Galatians 1:1</u> Paul, an **apostle** (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

<u>Philippians 2:25</u> But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your **messenger** and minister to my need...

Are There Modern Day Apostles?

"The- Pastor, Evangelist and Teacher have been the only ones acknowledged as being active in that role. But now, Christ is activating His Prophets in the 1980's and His Apostles in the 1990's. Jesus is thrilled at the thought that His prophets will soon be fully recognized by the church" (Bill Hamon, *Prophets and Personal Prophecy*, p. 28).

Are ⁻	There	Modern	Day /	Apostles?

Ephesians 2:19b-20 ...are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone...

1 Corinthians 15:7-8 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, **He appeared to me also** (cf. 1 Cor. 9:1).

God's Spokesmen Revealed Mysteries

Ephesians 3:3-5 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit...

How Can A Mystery Be Known?

- 1. Mystery revealed by God through apostles or prophets no longer a mystery!
- 2. Mystery revealed through divination which is sinful (Deut. 29:29; Gal.5:20).
- 3. Mystery remains! (We don't know)
- "What has stunned or amazed most readers is how specifically, exactly, precisely this pattern has manifested on American soil – thus the subtitle: "The ancient mystery that holds the secret of America's future" (Jonathan Cahn).

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Numbers 12:2-3 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite womanand they said, "Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the Lord heard it.	
John 5:43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.	