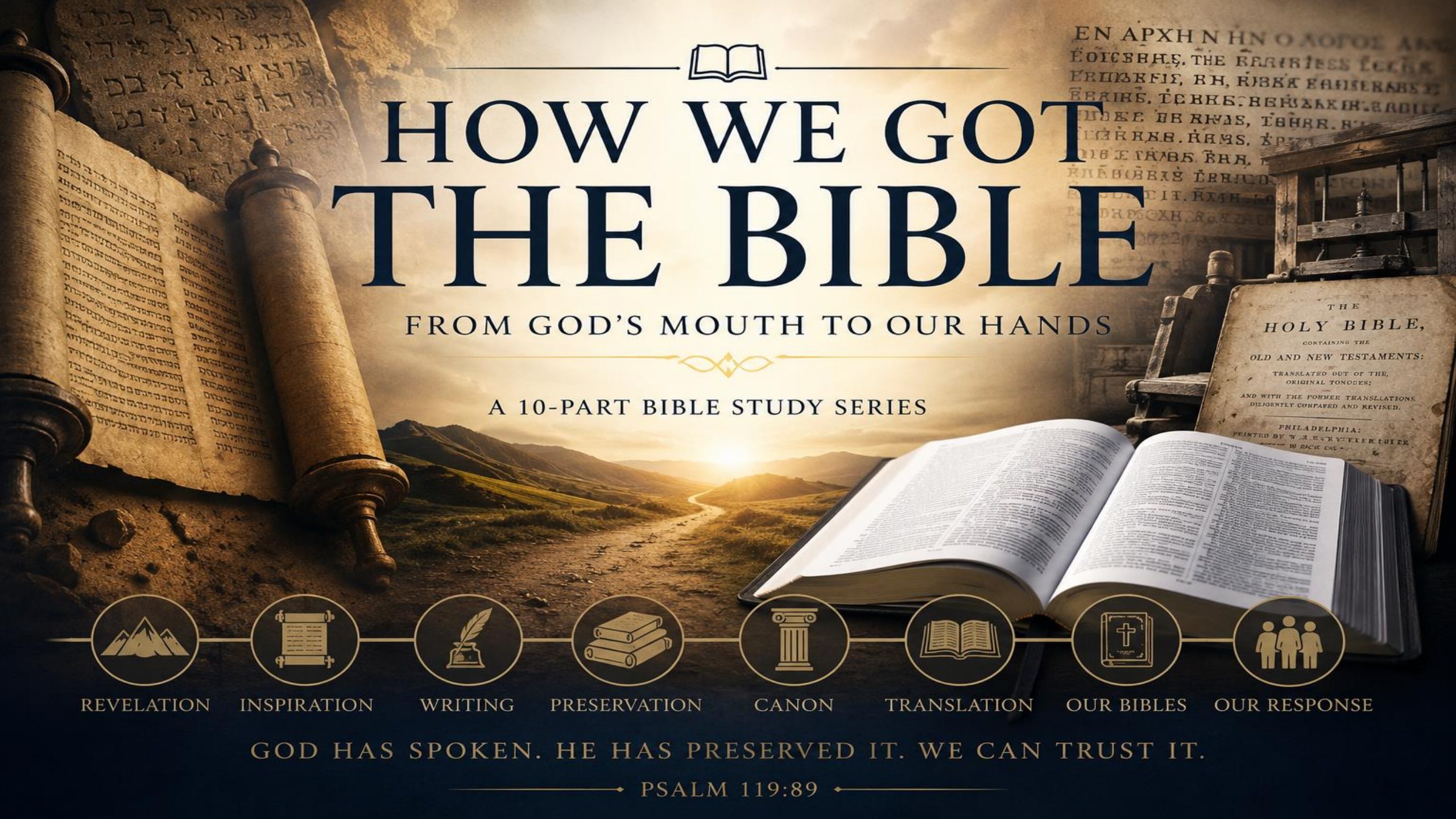




HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

FROM GOD'S MOUTH TO OUR HANDS

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY SERIES



REVELATION



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GOD HAS SPOKEN. HE HAS PRESERVED IT. WE CAN TRUST IT.

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

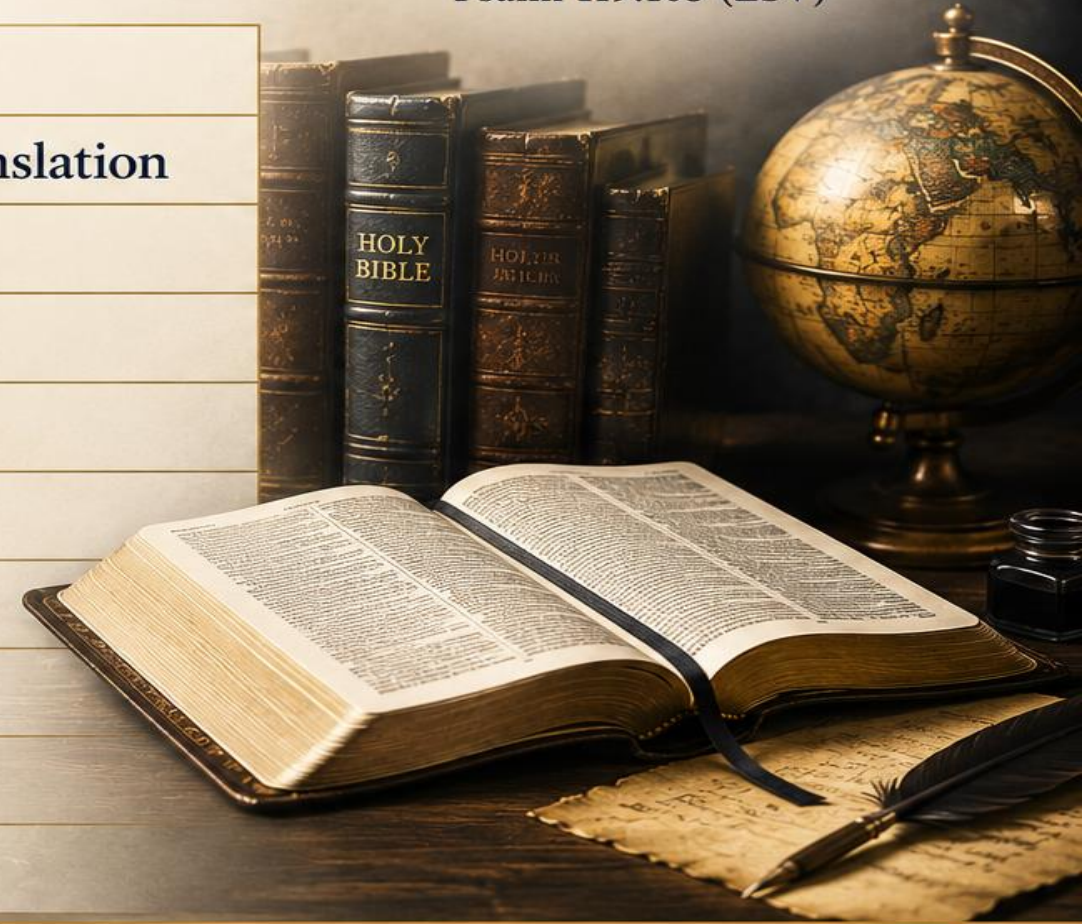
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SCHEDULE OF STUDIES

*“Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a light
to my path.”*

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

1	Why Does it Matter?
2	Inspiration, Revelation, Transmission, and Translation
3	The Revelation of the Old Testament
4	The Revelation of the New Testament
5	The Canon of Scripture
6	Preservation of Scripture
7	Manuscripts, Chapters, and Verses
8	The Development of English Translations
9	Answering Bible Objections
10	Proper Interpretation of the Scripture



OUR MISSION:

To examine the evidence and strengthen our confidence
that the Bible we hold in our hands is the very word of God.



The Revelation of the Old Testament

Review of Previous Lesson:

- 1 God revealed Himself before there was a written Old Testament.
- 2 God revealed Himself “at many times and in many ways.” (Hebrews 1:1)
- 3 God chose prophets to speak His Word.
- 4 God’s revelation began to be written down.
- 5 God’s written Word was treated as authoritative.
- 6 Old Testament revelation was progressive.
- 7 The Old Testament pointed forward to a greater revelation that was still to come.



Hebrews 1:1 – 2

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers **by the prophets...**”

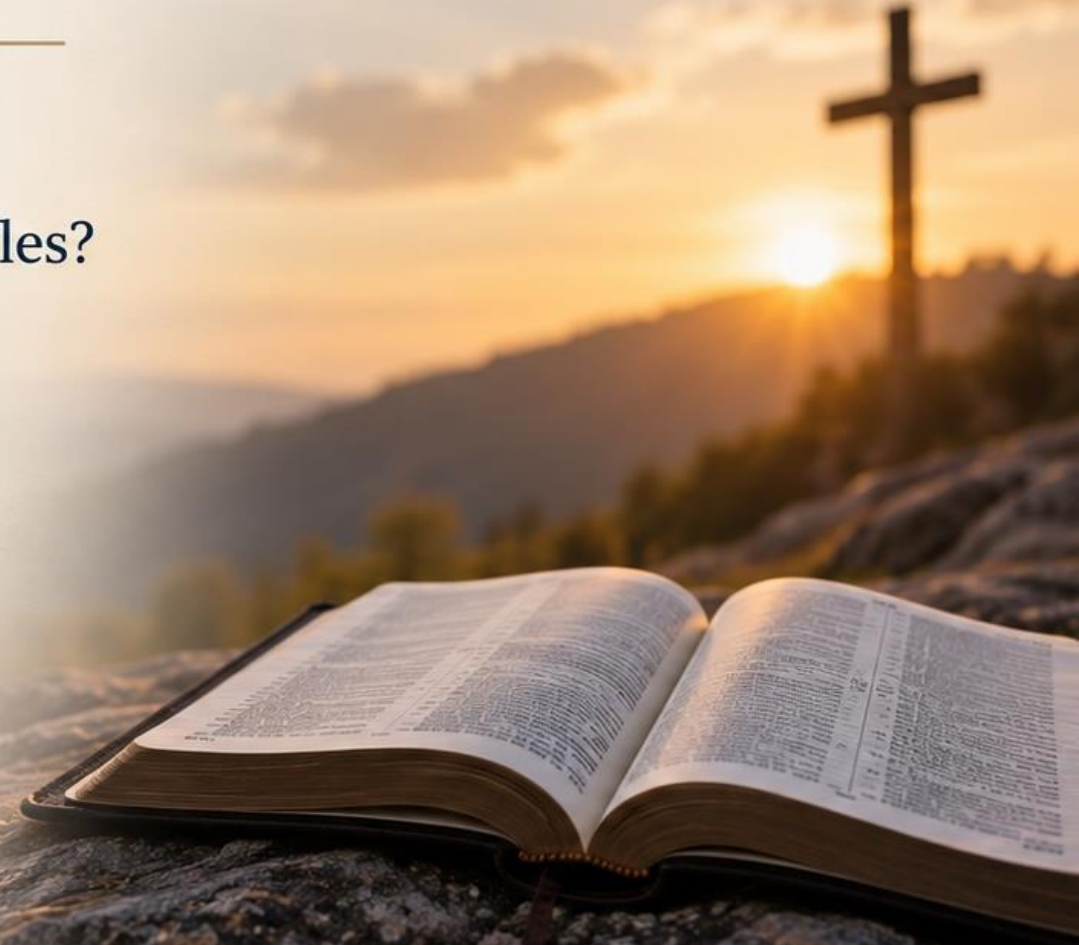
“...but in these last days
he has spoken to us **by his Son.**”



The Revelation of the New Testament

In This Study:

- 1 How is Jesus the ultimate revelation of God?
- 2 How did Jesus reveal God's truth to His apostles?
- 3 What role did the Holy Spirit have in New Testament revelation?
- 4 Why did the apostles speak with authority?
- 5 How did this revelation become the written New Testament?
- 6 Was New Testament revelation intended to continue indefinitely?



God's Revelation Reaches Its Climax in Jesus Christ

1 God had previously spoken through the **prophets**.

Hebrews 1:1

2 But now God has spoken through **His Son**.

Hebrews 1:2

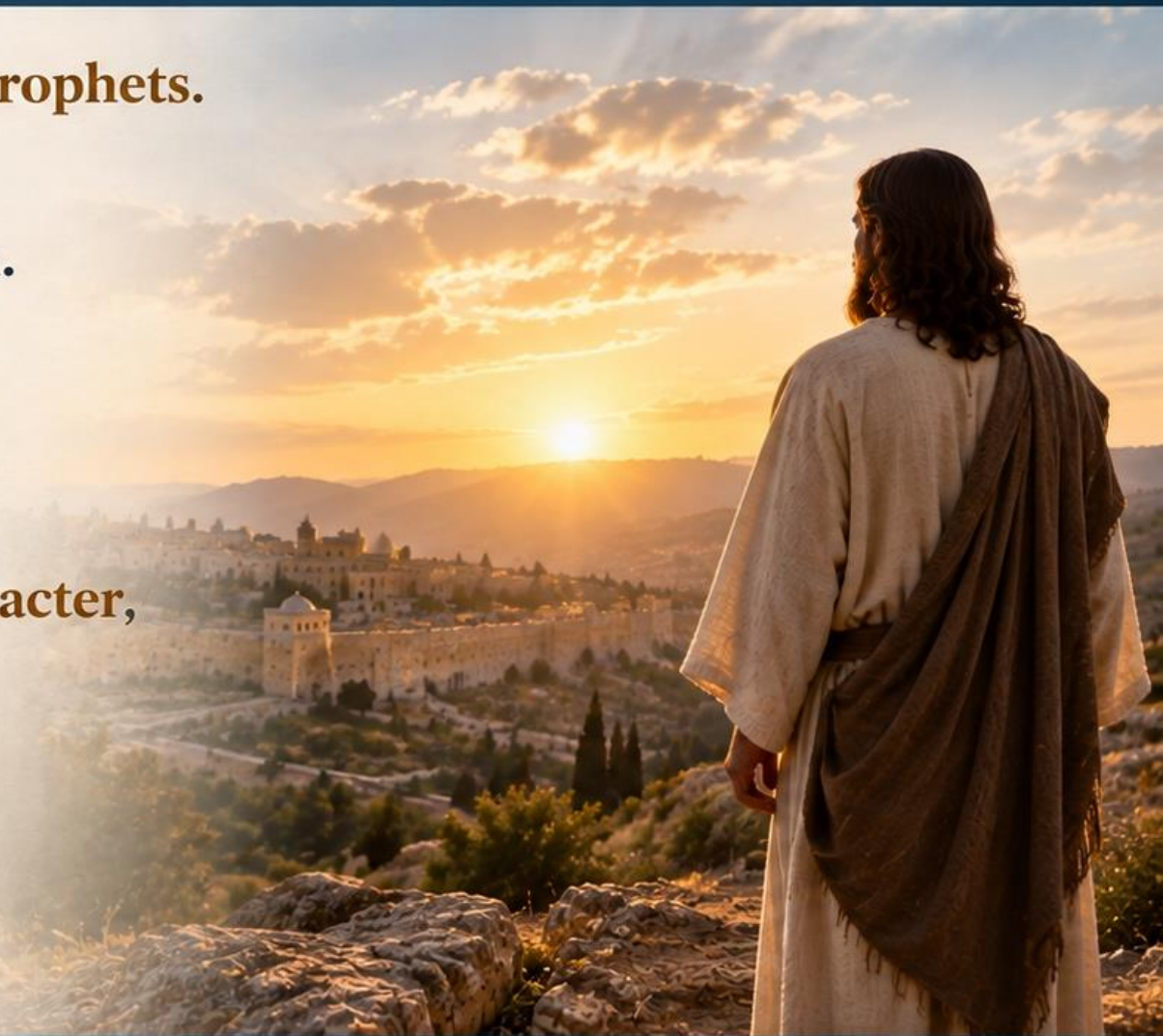
3 Jesus **reveals the Father**.

John 1:1, 14, 18; John 14:8–9; Matthew 11:27

4 Jesus reveals God through His **words, character, works, and death and resurrection**.

5 Jesus possesses divine authority to reveal **God's truth**.

Matthew 7:28–29; John 12:48–50; John 14:10;
Hebrews 2:1–4



Jesus Chose Apostles to Carry His Revelation to the World

1

Jesus personally selected His apostles.

Luke 6:12–16; Mark 3:13–15

- They were chosen to be with Him and then to be sent by Him.

2

The word “apostle” identifies one who is sent.

- They were not merely students of Jesus.
- They were commissioned representatives of Jesus.

3

Jesus gave His apostles authority.

Matthew 16:19; Matthew 18:18; Luke 10:16; John 13:20

- “The one who hears you hears me...” (Luke 10:16)

4

The apostles became eyewitnesses of the risen Christ.

Acts 1:8; Acts 1:21–22; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8; 1 John 1:1–3

- Their message was based on what they had seen and heard.

