

What Is the Difference Between A Disciple And An Apostle?

Mark 3:7-19

What Does The Bible Say?

7 Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea,

8 Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him. (Mark 3:7–8 NLT)

9 Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. 10 He had healed many people that day, so all the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. 11 And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him shrieking,

“You are the Son of God!” 12 But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was. (Mark 3:9–12 NLT)

How Can You Obey?

How do you handle the demands of life?

12 One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. (Luke 6:12 NLT)

Step one – Separate yourself from the problem or problem people.

Step two – Pray.

13 At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles. Here are their names: (Luke 6:13 NLT)

Step three – Share your responsibilities with others.

16 These are the twelve he chose:

Simon (whom he named Peter),

17 James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them “Sons of Thunder”),

18 Andrew,

Philip,

Bartholomew,

Matthew,

Thomas,

James (son of Alphaeus),

Thaddaeus,

Simon (the zealot),

19 Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).

(Mark 3:16–19 NLT)

Additional Notes:

If you want to use your home to disciple others, check out our training at www.crosswaveschurch.com/host. Cross Waves has produced short videos to train you to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

Explore:

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian" expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond.

If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ-followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

Question 1 of 4

Jesus always told demons in Scripture to stop testifying that He was the Son of God. Why would He do that?

Question 2 of 4

What are some steps people can take to handle pressure in their lives?

Question 3 of 4

How many disciples were there? How many apostles were there? Were they the same?

Question 4 of 4

An “apostle” is one sent on a mission. In what ways are we apostles of Jesus today?