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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

The word was out.

Jesus is back in town!

While the initial "Presentation" of Jesus as Messiah is now past while presently even the "Consideration" phase of Jesus as The Christ; is starting to come into "Contention" against Israel's powerful religious elite. These "3" phases are the first 3 Seminary designations of the life of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus had preached & healed throughout Galilee now the crowds come to Him.

✠ But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,<sup>8</sup> And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.<sup>9</sup> And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

Mark 3: 7-9 KJV

Again the fame of the name of Jesus was being spread far & wide day by day miracle by miracle- So much so that the Lord had now remained only a short time in His new adoptive hometown of Capernaum just long enough for Him & His Disciples to literally be overwhelmed by crowds of humanity.

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✠ And he ( Jesus ) went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. <sup>14</sup> And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach <sup>15</sup> and have authority to cast out demons. <sup>16</sup> He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); <sup>17</sup> James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); <sup>18</sup> Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, <sup>19</sup> and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Luke 6 parallels even saying Jesus Prayed all night)

Mark 3:13-19 ESV

Question? Now what do you do.

When you finally get what you have hoped, Prayed, and had worked so very hard for?

Not only has His Time come- This be "Jesus Time" as in it was now Christ's time to give His Good News Gospel Message because crowds from all around were gathering overwhelmingly unto Him.

Answer: This is what GOD in Christ did do.

The Lord Gathered His Disciples together and appointed from them chief or foremen leads into what we would call an organized staff. Not only to assist Jesus with His Ministry and travels, but Christ had tasked them of learning His Doctrine and Theology- His Gospel Truth which was now becoming reality.

Think about this; Christ our Lord hand picked these 12 from amongst His disciplined Disciples as in these dedicated dozen will literally learn and discern Jesus's Will & Words being each His eye Witnesses publicly and being as such they will also be taught by Him privately.

Get that?

These 12 Apostles were directed by the second part of Almighty Triune GOD being instructed & entrusted to correctly while lovingly without any pride or prejudice to convey His Gospel Message. So certainly this means that Christ our Lord had selected from amongst His Disciples the bravest & brightest being the most financially well off & socially acceptable from the best of His well educated. Right?

Hardly, By Prayer- GOD in Christ contemplated the hearts and minds as in the motivations and desires of those before Him. Thusly proving the age old idiom that GOD often qualifies the called, as in not necessarily calling into His service those seemingly pre qualified for a particular task.

Because GOD knows what each of us harbors or hides on the inside of our hearts and minds. GOD knows the true character & compassion as well as the ego, apathy, & limits of every person.

Meaning just as Jesus previously explained “new wine had to go into new wine skins.” ( Mark 2:22 ) Sometimes someone not having a prepared perspective- they can actually be more useful at advancing a thought or idea that others seemingly more established who have considered this topic to be concluded as in a forgone conclusion.

Think about this way; did Henry Ford implement fuel injection or the Wright brothers jet engines? Of course not, others come along in time improving upon the initial design unthought of previously. The scriptures of the Life of Christ have demonstrated time and again that the religious elite of Jesus Time were unwilling to receive & believe His Gospel Message. Being such they were fully incapable of receiving the very Messiah for whom they had endlessly Prayed, studied, and strived for their entire lives. For 42 generations in totality as numbered from Abraham unto Christ. (Matthew chapter 1)

The Pharisees had made a good living off of GOD’S Law including all of the power and prestige they had garnered for themselves. So unfortunately predictably being corrupt they were reluctant to receive He- Jesus as Christ, especially when as Messiah The Lord Jesus was not as they had expected while He rejected all of the Pharisee’s add-ons onto GOD’S Law. (manmade superstitions & traditions)

However the true purpose of GOD’S Law is to prove that each and every human being are born in Sin being the corrupted seed of Adam & Eve as in our need of a Savior before Holy Jehovah.

In short this means Jesus had to find new Preachers & Teachers to give The plan of the Great I AM. Not the conclusion nor replacement of GOD’S Law- but its fulfillment in & through Christ Jesus!

So this begs a Question? What exactly is the difference between an Apostle or a Disciple.

Every believer is a Disciple- As in a pupil or student believing follower of Jesus our Saving Christ.

However from the totality of what is now billions of Faithful Christians, only these 12 select believers were initially & personally chosen by Jesus as His appointed human Elder leadership of Christianity.

As such the Apostles were given Spiritual authority of & by Jesus through the third part of the Trinity, The 3<sup>rd</sup> person of HE- GOD Deity, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Seals and indwells within a Believer.

As per Jesus’s Will for His Apostles, by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were able to recall as in reminded for reiteration the Divine Words spoken by Christ while having Jesus’s authority to dismiss the fallen evil demoniac’s. Even from possessed humans for the proof demonstrating that Christ’s authority was upon His Apostles. Meaning the Apostles were able to replicate Jesus’s Miracles for and by His Holy name.

Ok for the record the word Apostolos in Greek means “one who is sent off or to send away.”

Meaning just as Jesus was sent from Heaven for humanity by His Heavenly Father Jehovah Almighty, Messiah Christ in turn charges and sends out His Apostles to make Disciples for Him of all nations.

This is Matthew 28:18-20 & is known as the Great Commission to make Disciplined Dedicated Disciples.

There have been many extra Biblical studies as too the lives of the 12 Apostles post Jesus's lifetime. Inevitably most do conclude with a few historical facts leading into educated assumptions of conjecture that is ever more mingled with legends of folklore surrounding each the service and physical deaths of the 12. Ultimately how dry, tedious, sad, & boring.

While even mentioning how all of this Apostle personal speculation totally misses the point.

Get that?

Aside from how a few necessarily scant personal details of each of the 12 Apostles were intertwined into the Gospel of the Life of our Christ, each of them kept themselves- as in their story narratives unto the bare minimum.

Their thoughts obviously being: "less of me and more of Thee, please- dear Lord."

Meaning that each of the 12 now indeed timeless and famous in their own right, kept their focus and words directly upon Jesus Christ.

When Peter had John "Mark"(Gospel) record his recollections of memory into posterity take note that Mark did not nor did he ever dare to include a biography of Simon/Peter.

Even long after Peter's death Mark never made public what he knew personally about Peter.

The same can be said about Matthew of himself, or of Dr. Luke who had painstakingly with medical like precision interviewed so very many associated with Jesus.

Yet even with his fine eye for detail Dr. Luke never published a memoir of any of the Roman's in Christ's Gospels or from any Jewish witness such as Mary Magdalene. ( In Hebrew means woman from Magdala )

Nor in fact from anyone save for anything that they had to say only as it pertained unto their Testimony of Witness about our Lord and Savior Messiah Jesus.

Dr. Luke certainly could have, he could have easily made nearly endless sequels unto his work personally detailing the people associated with the human Life of Christ. But he did not. Nay never.

Where as the Revelating Apostle John went so far as in keeping himself out of his Gospel narrative and likewise from within Revelation, John tends to make it not so easy to even recall it is him- one of the 12 Apostles whom is reporting. Even Jesus's half brothers never dare to lay claim to Christ by familial line.

Ok, so without fanfare or pomp but with Heavenly revival and Messiah buzz in the air, including these selfless obedient ever learning and discerning disciplined dedicated Disciples, with these 12 amongst them chosen by Christ as "Apostles-"

These 12 were not only to be an organized staff, (tour) because the Lord Jesus is now ready to give what His Gospel's historically record as His most massive public Preaching and Teaching events.

Meaning the behind the scenes personnel for traveling logistics and crowd control were now in place.

Now, The Lord will make the 12 understand that they are to act upon their new found responsibilities. This be the same of any believer of any time when we perceive another's need.

So from now on please take note of when, in- the Scriptures an Apostle approaches Jesus with a perceived need and Jesus replies "you take care of that!"

Because with authority comes responsibility.

& these 12 Apostles will share Christ's Gospels!