

# The Story of Jesus

## (Lesson 9)

### Introduction:

1. Our purpose for studying "The Story of Jesus" is to help us grow in our knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18).
2. In this lesson we are covering information that relates to "Jesus' apostles."
3. Let us first consider several . . .

### Discussion:

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Apostle: one sent forth on a mission with authority to fulfill the mission.
- B. A number of Bible characters are referred to as "apostles," including:
  1. the twelve (Matthew 10:2-4)
  2. Matthias (Acts 1:26)
  3. Barnabas and Paul (Acts 14:14; 13:1-3)
  4. Paul (Romans 1:1)
  5. James the Lord's brother (Galatians 1:19)
  6. Christ (Hebrews 3:1).
- C. This lesson is a study of the men selected as special servants of the Lord.

#### II. THE SELECTION OF THE APOSTLES

- A. The twelve (Luke 6:12-16)
- B. Matthias (Acts 1:15-26)
- C. Saul [Paul] (Acts 9:1-6, 15-18; 22:12-16; 26:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:3-9)

#### III. THE MISSION OF THE APOSTLES

- A. Basically, the mission of the apostles is revealed in Mark 3:14-19.
- B. However, more specifically, Jesus gave His apostles:
  1. the limited commission (Matthew 10:5-8)
  2. the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

#### IV. THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTLES

- A. Jesus delegated authority to Peter (Matthew 16:18-19).
- B. Jesus delegated the same authority to all the apostles (Matthew 18:18; 19:28).

#### V. THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES

- A. The apostles were responsible for teaching all things that Jesus had taught them (Matthew 28:19-20).
- B. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the apostles in teaching His Word (John 14:26; 16:13).
- C. The teaching presented by the apostles is the teaching of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:37).