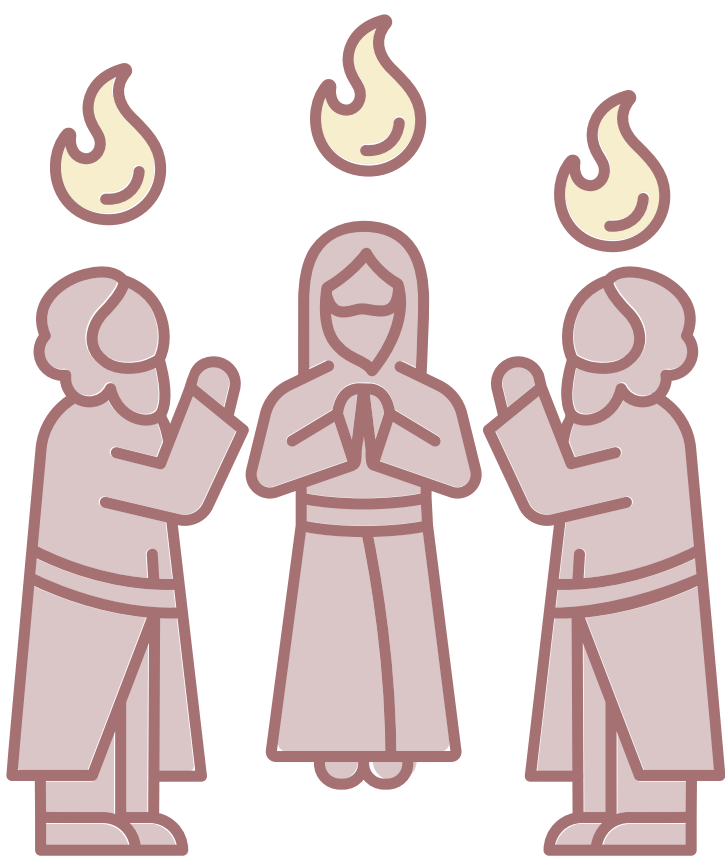


APOSTLE VS DISCIPLE

THE TERMS "APOSTLE" AND "DISCIPLE" ARE OFTEN INTERCHANGED BUT IN REALITY, HAVE DISTINCT MEANINGS. "APOSTLE" IS DERIVED FROM THE GREEK "APOSTELLO," MEANING "TO SEND FORTH." "DISCIPLE" IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN "DISCIPULUS," MEANING A "STUDENT" OR "PUPIL."

The 12 Apostles

AN APOSTLE IS SOMEONE CHOSEN AND SENT BY GOD TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION TO THE WORLD. JESUS CHOSE 12 APOSTLES WHEN HE BEGAN HIS MINISTRY AND SENT THEM OUT TO SPREAD HIS TEACHINGS.

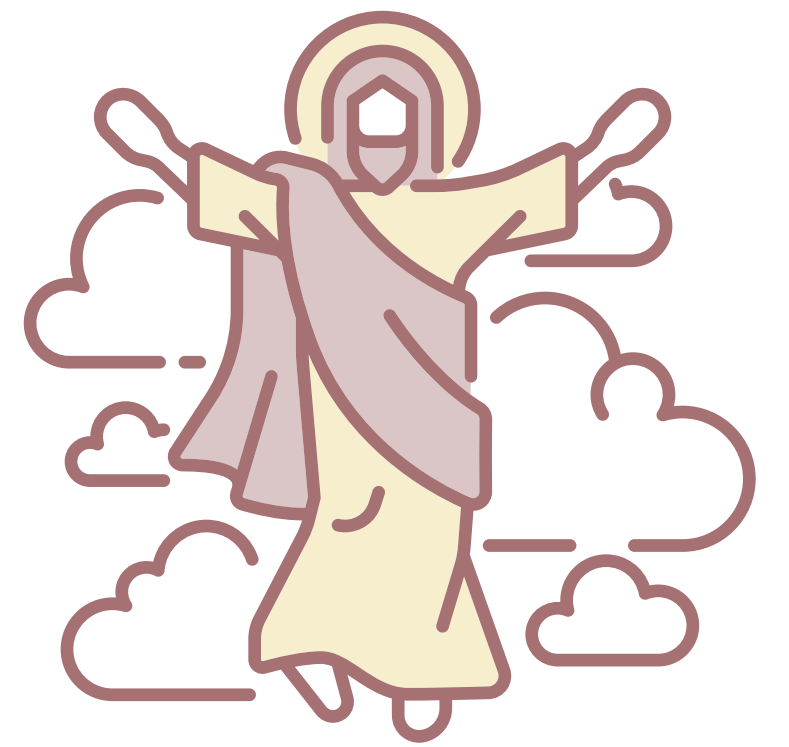


CHAPTER 2 OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES RECORDS HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED ON THE APOSTLES DURING PENTECOST TO EMPOWER THEM TO TEACH THE TRUTH.

Disciples of all Nations

THE TERM DISCIPLE IS USED IN THE BIBLE TO REFER TO STUDENTS. JESUS HAD MANY DISCIPLES, THAT IS, DEVOTED FOLLOWERS WHO SOUGHT TO LEARN FROM HIM AND ABIDE BY HIS TEACHINGS.

AT THE ASCENSION, JESUS INSTRUCTED HIS 11 REMAINING APOSTLES TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND PREACH, GATHERING DISCIPLES TO LEARN CHRIST'S TEACHINGS.



"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU." (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

Paul the Apostle?

ALTHOUGH NOT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL TWELVE, PAUL IS CALLED AN APOSTLE.



IN CHAPTER 9 OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, PAUL WAS MIRACULOUSLY CONVERTED AND CHOSEN BY GOD TO EVANGELIZE "GENTILES, KINGS, AND ISRAELITES" (ACTS 9:15).

MARY MAGDALENE IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS "APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES." SHE WAS THE FIRST TO KNOW OF JESUS' RESURRECTION UPON ARRIVING AT THE EMPTY TOMB. JESUS SAID TO HER, "BUT GO TO MY BROTHERS AND TELL THEM, 'I AM GOING TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER, TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.'" (JOHN 20:16-18)