

# Apostolic Surrender

In John Alley's teaching video "Defining an Apostolic People", he defines the apostolic as a description of those who totally surrender to the King.<sup>1</sup>

He references Hebrews:

**Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV)** – *Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,*

John believes Jesus was the first apostle – one who existed before the 12 apostles. He takes his definition of 'apostle' from Jesus' lifestyle and describes it as those who give everything up for Father. This is because Jesus stated that he was only on Earth to do Father's business.<sup>2</sup> He exemplified this by only doing what Father showed him, only speaking what father told him, and only doing the good works that father set up for him. So, he faithfully represented Father on Earth.

This is the same function as a Roman *apostolos* (ἀπόστολος), where 'apostle' comes from. NT believers understood this word as it was a Roman word from the Greek. An *apostolos* (apostle) was a general sent out from the king/emperor to set up the homeland kingdom in a new land after its conquest, following the wishes and plans of the monarch. The *apostolos*, like an ambassador, was totally devoted to the ruler's wishes to transform the nouveau territory so that it looked and functions like the motherland.

This is what Jesus did for Father, and the 13 disciples did for King Jesus.

So, Jesus as our apostle has more to it than what John states.

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1 – John Kingsley Alley "Defining an Apostolic People 1 - John Alley – YouTube.mp4"  
([www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJP2iMiGzbk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJP2iMiGzbk))

2 – John 5:30