



## Where does the word Apostle come from?

The verb "apostello" meant "send away" or "send off," and it conveyed the idea of a personal representative who has the power and authority of the one who sent him, delegate to territories.

- **An Admiral of a Fleet of Ships**
- Apostolos was symbolic of explorers of new lands
- An Ambassador representing the government to another government (governmental authority)
- Sent to teach "the way" to the newly conquered territories (colonize: new culture, law, civilize natives)

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The fleet would be sent out to sea on a mission to locate territories where civilization was nonexistent. Once an uncivilized region was identified, the admiral (called the *apostolos*) — along with his specialized crew and all their cargo and belongings — would disembark, settle down, and work as a team to establish a new community. Then they would begin the process of transforming a strange land into a replica of life as they believed it should be. Their purpose was total *colonization* of the uncivilized territory.

Within this special fleet of ships were both the personnel and the cargo required to establish a new culture, a new life, and a new community. When that fleet pulled up to shore, it contained workers trained to build roads, construct buildings, and teach uncivilized natives how to read, write, and function in a new kind of social order. Thus, the admiral became the team leader for the construction of a new society.



## “HE CALLED THEM APOSTLES” - Luke 6:13

“The word *apostolos* was originally a secular term used by the Greeks and the Romans to describe special envoys sent out to establish the dominion of the empire. These envoys were sent to certain territories and charged to subdue, conquer, convert, instruct, train and establish the new subjects in the culture of the roman empire. The apostle was an admiral or commander of a naval expedition or fleet of ships, one who led the way into new frontiers.”

<https://landerroark.wordpress.com/2013/04/12/word-study-apostle/>



## The Apostolic Mantle: bring transformation to territories

“Jesus went up a mountain, called those whom he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve whom he called Apostles. They were to accompany him and **to be sent out** by him to spread the Good News” - Mark 3:13-14 & Luke 6:13