

## COVID ISAAC JESS ALEX REBEKAH APOSTLES AND APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY



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At our bible study, on Tuesday 30th November, an event took place that took me by surprise and was a shock as it involved me. A lady reacted to the things I said and she stated she was upset by them and the way I had spoken.

I acknowledge that this lady was upset and that it was to do with me and that she expressed her uncomfortable-ness about sitting next to me, as I spoke them. This took place when I gave my response the question, ‘Were there any Apostles today?’

I stated that there were no apostles, today as the scripture were clear that an apostle was to be one who had been chosen by the Lord, and had witnessed the resurrection of Christ, And also sent by the Lord Himself, to preach the Gospel. As recorded in Matthew 28 16, where He sent the 11 apostles, whom he had chosen and appointed, at which time they were commanded to go and preach all of the things that he had taught them and that was to the whole world.

During the study I asked the group if there were any Apostles to day, which was an extension of our study that we had conducted the week before, after which discussion took place.

**The week before summery notes on apostles**

The week before I had stated that Jesus had chosen his apostles and sent them, commanding them to go into the world and teach all he had taught them, and that the early church continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine, breaking of bread and fellowship. 1 Corinthians 12. That it was the apostles who had the authority to do so.

The reason for the choice of apostles was to give authority in the church. The doctrines of the Apostles were the gospel of Christ that would be challenged by men, and the truth of the gospel would be distorted.

As had happened already at Ephesus where Timothy had been commissioned, by Paul, to go and ensure the elders of the church at Ephesus maintained the doctrines that had been delivered them by the Apostle himself. Paul write to 1 Timothy 3, 'I charge thee to charge them that they teach no other doctrine, as some were doing desiring to be teachers of the Law and circumcision.

It had been outlined the week before, in our study, that instructions were given to the church how to behave among them selves in the house of God which was the church of the living God, in society and the world.

At the meeting I related how Isaac, my son and Jess had been in Quarantine in Vietnam, as Isaac had contracted COVID so they could not return to the UK that day. They were in isolation for at least 14 days and could not return home until well and both clear.

I explained that the very verse we were to discussing, in the bible study that night, was 1 Timothy 2. Where Paul write, 'I Exhort therefore that first of all supplications, prayer and intercessions and giving of thank be made for all men.

I stated that Isaac was concerned for Jess' his wife, because she was not a believer and the he had come to terms he could die which would leave Jess alone in Vietnam, alone and unsaved.

I informed Isaac that the scripture teaches we are directed to pray for all men for God is the saviour of all men, especially for them that believe. I

informed him I would relay their cause to the Church that night and that not him but also Alex who had contracted COVID, and now Rebekah were all in quarantine, due to Alex having COVID and also you and Jess were locked in isolated in Vietnam indefinitely, and without medial insurance, or work. Very serious.

When I express my belief the COVID was sent by God it cased protests denying the fact and I think this added to the already agitated situation. So I was shocked and I stated that I was not going to argue about it but ask the question who sent the plagues upon the Egyptians, and i could have added who sent the word flood in Noah's day and if God is not sovereign how can He be implored to show mercy for that is was what was need.

When it came back to the question regarding, are there apostles to day?. I reminded the group that an Apostles is one called and sent by the Lord, as the 11 apostles, and the one chosen by lot being directed by the scripture, who was required to be a witness of the resurrection and then Paul as born like one out of time. All were sent by the Lord.

I stated that there were no apostles today. Also that the church at Ephesus we commend for trying those who said they were apostles and were not. Rev, 2:2. I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

The reason why I was so forthright was because the church had been effected by much false teaching and I had witness this for over two years but I had kept quiet. When i first went to the Church the subject of apostles was brought up along with other issue in our bible studies on the book of Ephesians. It was then maintained by the pastor's wife that there were apostle today, to which I stated what the New Testament teaching was concerning an Apostle. The subject was dropped and other issues relating to the doctrines of the apostle was denied and predestination too. In all of this I remained silent, as I was not a Church member and I felt further discussion relating to the subject could not be carried out.

When I stated there were no Apostles today the lady sitting next to me lady erupted, in a passionate response, stating i made her very, very uncomfortable and she did not like the way I asserted these things, and that I did not allow her to express her views. She hit the table saying she was upset.

The matter was closed when the issue of COVID was brought up again as another lady member, who had lost her son due to COVID, asked for the subject to be dropped.

My concern relating to this matter is why would some of be so distressed by me asking the question were there apostles today, and asserting there were no apostles today. If they disagree with me they were free to do so, and to my mind a church could not accept such teachings as this was the very reason why Timothy was sent the correct errors of false teachers at the church in Ephesus.

The other issue that raised itself being that we were about to discuss the next section in 1 Timothy chapter 2:11 . Where we are taught, ‘let the women learn in silence with all subjection, but I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over a man, but to learn in silence.

I thought to my self how could this subject be taught without issue arising causing upset

The importance of answering this question biblical is because the Roman Catholic and Ecumenical and Pentecostal groups maintain there are Apostle today and so have apostolic power to authorise religious doctrine and practice in the Christ in religion and lead people astray. I believe we should safe guard against this by teaching truth and addressing error. It was noted that it was women who opposed my views. My statement and assertion was the there are no Apostles today. The doctrine of inspiration is that such canonical writings and teachings died with the Apostles.

In all of this exchange I was unaware of the temperature rising, except that relating to the issue of COVID, and the previous mention of Apostles

This was only the second bible study held since our return from lock down and I now feel it reasonable to reserve my comments to see how things will turn out.

I am well able to remain silent in and such study, as I have no need to express by views, unless I am invited to do so. It is not my intention to upset or cause any distress and can conduct myself in a decent fashion among those who disagree with me, as demonstrated during the previous

two years.

Mean while I have prayed to the Lord for you all and look to the Lord to show mercy to us all.