1 - **Preaching The Life of Jesus - a Life of Development & Preparation of His Apostles**
 Luke 16:16

2 - **Preaching Jesus**

It means preaching …

1. His **origin, identity and nature**.
2. The **prophesied Messiah**.
3. The **life He lived in the flesh**.

3 - **Preaching the Life of Jesus…**

1. A life of sacrifice
2. A life of faith and submission to His Father
3. A life of teaching.
4. A life of prayer.
5. A life that served as a foundation for His kingdom/ church and establishment of the New Covenant.
6. A life of development and training of His chosen apostles (“the twelve”; i.e., Mark 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:5)

4 - **Prayerfully selected by Jesus & the Father**

* **Mark 3:13-19**; “*He went up to the mountain and summoned* ***those whom He Himself wanted***…”
* Luke 6:12-14, *“It was at this time that* ***He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God****. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and* ***chose twelve of them****, whom He also named as apostles…”*

5 - **What is an apostle?**

* Defined: one sent forth on a mission.
* Jesus’ selection of specific 12 for a mission. (Luke 6:13; 9:10)
* Paul’s apostleship. (1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8; Galatians 1:10-12)

6 - **What is an apostle?**

Qualifications: (Acts 1:21-26)

* One who “accompanied” the Lord from John the Baptist until His ascension.
* A witness of the resurrected

7 - **The training of the 12**

Often took them “aside” to teach and prepare them for the work they had to do.

* Matt. 20:17-19; “*He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves*…” (16:21)
* Mark 9:35; 10:32; “…*And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him*…”

8 - **The apostles’ efforts to learn**

* ***“Explain to us…”*** (Matthew 13:36; 15:15; cf., Acts 8:30-34)
* ***“Teach us…”*** (Luke 11:1)

9 - **The apostles’ efforts to learn**

**Things they should have learned from Jesus:**

* **Humility -** (Matthew 18:3; Luke 14:7-11; Luke 22:24-27)
* **The need to focus on the spiritual** - (Matthew 6:24; 15:8, 19; 19:23; John 18:36)
* **The purpose of Jesus life** - (Mark 8:31; 9:30-31; 10:33-34; Matthew 20:28)

10 - **The training of the 12**

Jesus also demonstrated how they were to act.

*"****Do you know what I have done to you****? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet,* ***you also ought to wash one another's feet****. For* ***I gave you an example*** *that you also should do as I did to you.”* (John 13:12-15)

11 - **Apostolic Authority**

The Apostles given specific promises & authority.

* *“I will give you the keys of the kingdom… Whatever you bind on earth, shall have been bound in heaven…”* (Matthew 16:19; 10:40; Luke 10:16; John 13:20)
* Understood by the apostles. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

12 - **Apostolic Authority**

3 promises to the apostles re: the Holy Spirit:

1. John 14:26, “…***He will teach you all things****, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you*.”
2. John 15:26, “…***He will testify about Me***.”
3. John 16:13, “…***He will guide you into all the truth***.”

13 - **Apostolic Authority**

The apostles spoke with divine authority:

* “… ***the things which I write to you are the Lord’s commandment***.” (1 Corinthians 14:37)
* We *“…should* ***remember… the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles****.”* (2 Peter 3:2)

14 - **Apostolic Authority**

The apostles spoke with divine authority:

* *“The things you have learned and received and* ***heard and seen in me****,* ***practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you****.”* (Philippians 4:9)

15 - **Who Has authority?**

* **God**
	+ Romans 13:1; Daniel 4:17
	+ Job 38-42
* **Jesus Christ**
	+ Matthew 17:1-5; Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 28:18-20;
	+ Daniel 7:13-14; Ephesians 1:20-22; Colossians 2:9-10
* **The Apostles**
	+ John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13; Matthew 16:19;
	+ Philippians 4:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Peter 3:2

16 - **Jesus Specific Mission for the Apostles**

* **Mark 16:15-16; “…*go…and preach*…”**
* **Matt. 28:18-20 “…*go…make disciples…baptizing…teaching them to observe*…”**

17 - **Conclusion/Application**

* We must continue also in the ***“apostles doctrine”***. (Acts 2:42)
* We need the teaching of the apostles to be properly “***equipped***”. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
* We must obey apostolic commands and examples. (Philippians 4:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6)