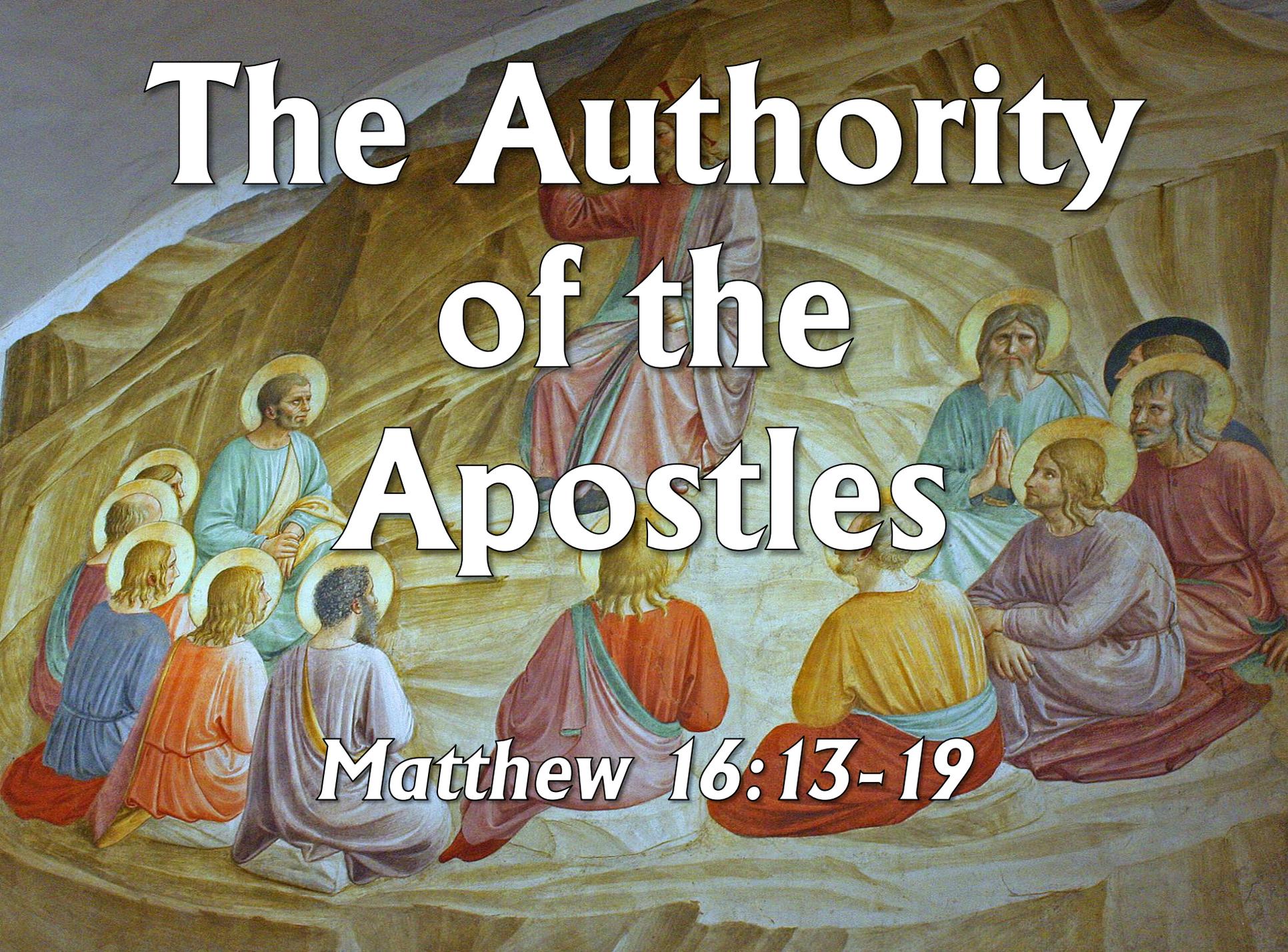


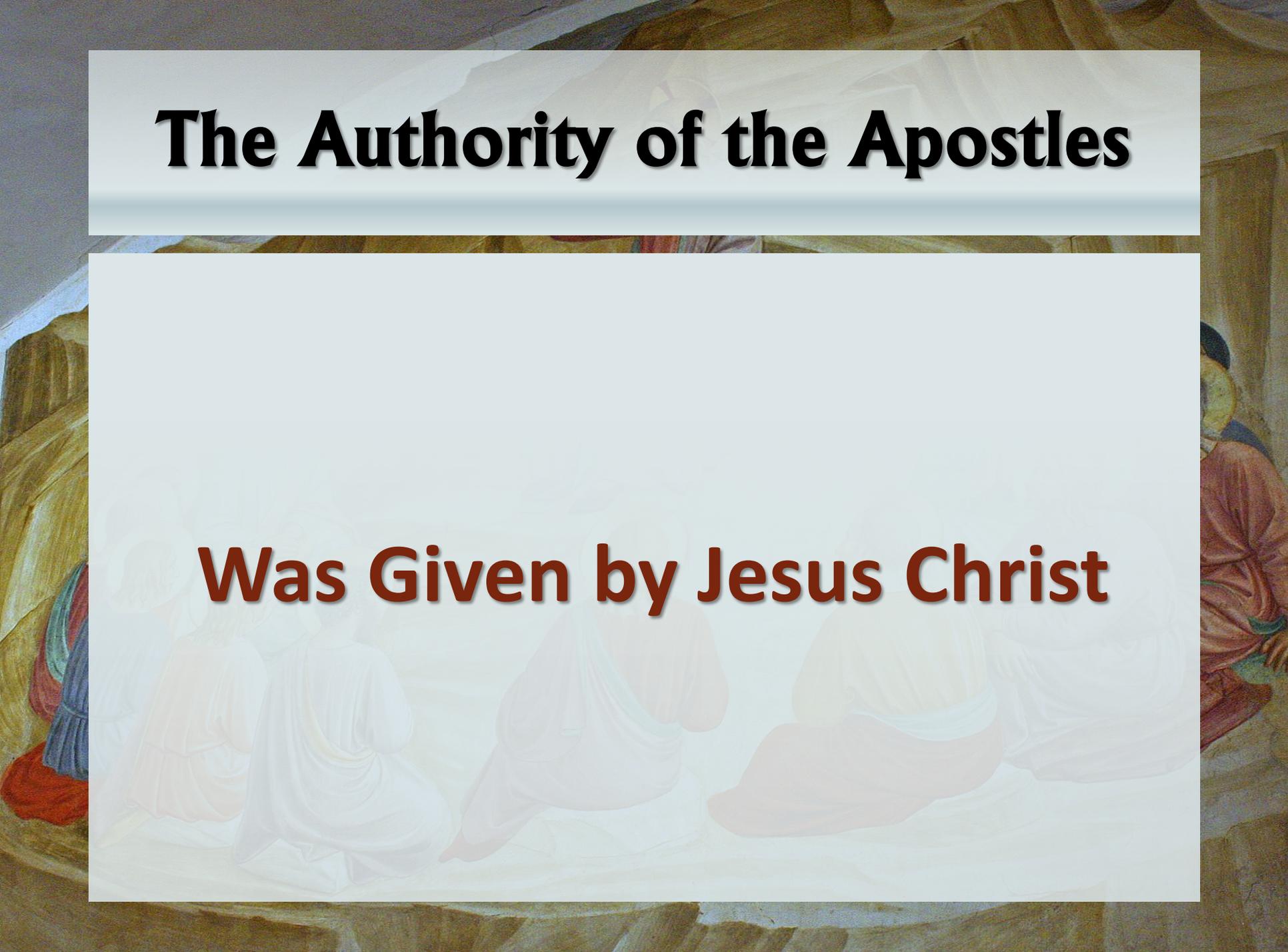
# The Authority of the Apostles



*Matthew 16:13-19*

# **The Authority of the Apostles**

**Was Given by Jesus Christ**

The background of the slide is a faded, circular fresco or painting. It depicts a group of people, likely Jesus and his apostles, seated on the ground. They are wearing traditional, flowing robes in various colors such as white, red, and blue. The scene is set against a light, textured background, possibly representing a rocky or outdoor setting. The overall tone is historical and religious.

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus appointed the twelve. *Mark 3:14-15*

“Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:...”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus gave the apostles power and authority over demons and to cure disease. *Luke 9:1-2*

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick...”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus chose the apostles to *“sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”*

***Luke 22:28-30***

“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus gave the apostles the “*keys to the kingdom of heaven.*” ***Matt 16:18-19***

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus gave the apostles the “*keys to the kingdom of heaven.*” **Matt 18:18-20**

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

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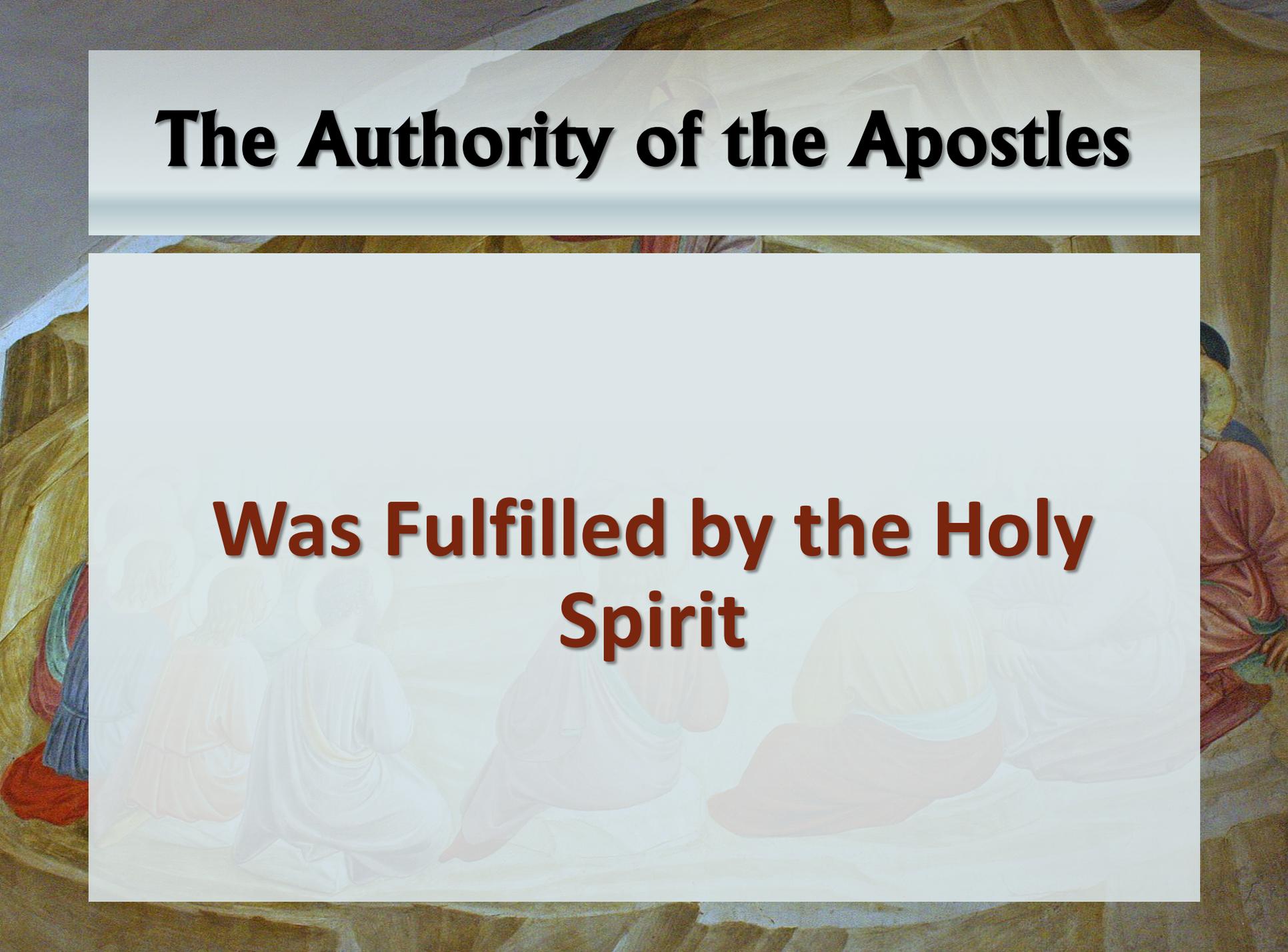
## Was Given by Jesus Christ

- Jesus sent the apostles with the authority to *“forgive the sins of any.”* **John 20:21-23**

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

# **The Authority of the Apostles**

**Was Fulfilled by the Holy Spirit**

A faded, artistic background image of a church interior. In the foreground, several people are kneeling in prayer, their backs to the viewer. They are wearing simple, light-colored robes. The background shows the interior of a church with stone walls and a high ceiling, possibly a dome or vaulted ceiling. The overall tone is solemn and reverent.

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Fulfilled by the Holy Spirit

- Jesus said He would “*send the Promise*” of His Father on the apostles. ***Luke 24:49***

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Fulfilled by the Holy Spirit

- Jesus said He would “*send the Promise*” of His Father on the apostles. ***Acts 1:8***

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Fulfilled by the Holy Spirit

- Jesus' promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. ***Acts 2:3-4***

“Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

# **The Authority of the Apostles**

**Was Upheld by God the  
Father**

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Upheld by God the Father

- The Father used miracles to confirm the apostles' teachings. ***Mark 16:17-18***

“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Upheld by God the Father

- The Father used miracles to confirm the apostles' teachings. *Heb 2:3-4*

“how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Upheld by God the Father

- The Father would give that for which the apostles prayed. *John 15:16*

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was Upheld by God the Father

- The Father would give that for which the apostles prayed. *John 16:23-24*

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

# **The Authority of the Apostles**

**Was To Be Accepted by the  
Disciples**

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was To Be Accepted by the Disciples

- Those who received the apostles received Jesus and the Father. *John 13:20*

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was To Be Accepted by the Disciples.

- Those who received the apostles received Jesus and the Father. *Matt 10:40-41*

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward...”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was To Be Accepted by the Disciples.

- Those who received the apostles received Jesus and the Father. *Luke 10:16*

“He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

# The Authority of the Apostles

## Was To Be Accepted by the Disciples.

- The brethren continued in the apostles' doctrine. ***Acts 2:42***

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

# Conclusion

## Only Source of Authority for the Church

- The teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles. *Eph 2:19-20*

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”

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  - *No creed books.*
  - *No confessionals.*
  - *No handbooks.*
  - *No guide books.*
  - *No magazine or publication.*

# Conclusion

## Only Source of Authority for the Church

- The inspired Word of God. *2 Tim 3:16-17;*  
*Eph 4:11-13*

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

# Conclusion

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- The inspired Word of God. *2 Tim 3:16-17;*  
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“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”