

Is Matthias One of the Twelve?

There will be twelve apostles judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matt 19:28

And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:28-30

"And you are those who have stood by Me in My trials; and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

There will be twelve foundation stones with the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb in the new Jerusalem.

Rev 21:14

And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them {were} the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

These are the only verses that speak of Matthias. The quote from the Psalms "His office let another man take" does not say that the Apostles are to choose a twelfth. In fact, since the verse says another (i.e. 1 other person), and GOD chose Paul as an apostle, it would seem that Matthias is the odd man out!

Acts 1:20-26

"For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead be made desolate, and let no man dwell in it'; and, 'His office let another man take.' It is therefore necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us-- beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up from us-- one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection." And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Paul is definitely an Apostle.

Rom 1:1

CHAPTER 1

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called {as} an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

1 Cor 9:1

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

1 Cor 9:2

If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

2 Cor 12:12

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

1 Tim 2:7

And for this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Question: If Paul is an apostle, how can Matthias be one, for the number of apostles would then be 13, yet only twelve will be honored as such in the Millennium and the New Jerusalem?