

## **What if the New Testament was Delivered and Recorded Today?**

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There are so many wonderful tools available today for communicating to one another. There are social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We can also quickly text or email messages. In fact, texting has developed its own abbreviated language, lol. Most of us have the availability and convenience of a phone wherever we go.

Many businesses today do not rely on a single website. You can also contact or learn more about them on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google +, and whatever other means they can use to interact with the public to make them aware of their services. With today's communication technologies, businesses have the ability to communicate to large numbers of people all over the world.

For fun, we might wonder what the spread of the gospel would have been like if the apostles had all these modern forms of communication available to them? Perhaps, one could have logged on to an apostles' website. From there they could access a YouTube channel with footage of Peter or Paul preaching. You could receive tweets from John or Matthew. Instead of having epistles, we might have copies of Paul's emails to Corinth or Philippi. If a congregation had a question for the apostles, they could simply Skype or FaceTime with them. As the apostles traveled around the world, they could post pictures to their Instagram account so all could see the baptisms. Just as businesses today reach millions of people through various forms of social media, the apostles could have done the same.

In light of the power of today's technologies to reaches millions of people, it is all the more incredible to realize that without the use of cell phones, texting, email, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, or even a website, the apostles reached the then known world with the gospel of Jesus Christ! They fulfilled the instruction of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation (Mark 16:16; Col. 1:23).

To think what apostles accomplished without what we have become so dependent upon is truly inspiring. While they did not have the use of all these modern technologies, we do! There are many in the world today who need to hear the truth of the gospel. Using today's resources for communicating to large numbers of people, we can text verses to our friends. We can post messages relating to sermons or classes. We can link the church's website in emails. We can Tweet topics of interest for a Bible class. We can direct friends or coworkers to audio sermon files on the church's website. We can call, text, or email invitations to worship services. Today, we can go into all the world with the message of the gospel right from our sofa!

The next time you log on to your Facebook page, post a Scripture, or refer to the church's website. Text a positive verse to someone. Start an email list and forward interesting articles relating to the gospel or the work of church. Send a Tweet about a sermon. We have so many communication tools available to us, let's use them to spread the word of God.

In addition to all of these modern technologies, the good old fashioned way of simply talking face to face with another, and telling them about Jesus Christ is still available. As we have seen, this method seemed to work pretty well for the apostles.