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ap·os·tol·ic (ăp'ə-stōl'ĭk) **ap·os·tol·i·cal** (-ĭ-kəl)
adj.

1. Of or relating to an apostle.
2.
 - a. Of, relating to, or contemporary with the 12 Apostles.
 - b. Of, relating to, or derived from the teaching or practice of the 12 Apostles.
3.
 - a. Of or relating to a succession of spiritual authority from the 12 Apostles, regarded by Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and some others to have been perpetuated by successive ordinations of bishops and to be requisite for valid orders and administration of sacraments.
 - b. *Roman Catholic Church* Of or relating to the pope as the successor of Saint Peter; papal.

ap'os·tol'i·cal·ly *adv.*

ap'os·tol·ic'i·ty (-stō-l'is'ĭ-tē) *n.*

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apostolic [ˌæpə'stɒlɪk]

adj

1. (Christian Religious Writings / Bible) of, relating to, deriving from, or contemporary with the Apostles
2. (Christianity / Ecclesiastical Terms) of or relating to the teachings or practice of the Apostles
3. (Christianity / Ecclesiastical Terms) of or relating to the pope regarded as chief successor of the Apostles

apostolical *adj*

apostolically *adv*

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Adj. 1. apostolic - of or relating to or deriving from the Apostles or their teachings

||apostolical

2. apostolic - proceeding from or ordered by or subject to a pope or the papacy regarded as the successor of the Apostles; "papal dispensation"

||apostolical, papal, pontifical

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