

JAMES THE JUST

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Mark 6:2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, **From whence hath this man these things?** and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? **Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.**

1. James the Lord's brother

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We must be careful, very careful about what we know...& say...& even joke about!

You thought you had an irritating brother (HaHaHaHaHa)

Matthew 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son**, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **Matthew 1:24** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **Matthew 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.**

2. James the unbeliever

John 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. **John 7:2** Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. **John 7:3** His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. **John 7:4** For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

What do we know?

- Mary believed
- Joseph **also** believed → but probably already gone
- His brothers didn't believe

There's a lot to take in

They knew he was different

They knew he performed miracles

They knew he had a mission

- As for His sisters → nothing is known except that He had sisters

3. James the eyewitness of the resurrected Christ &...a believer!

1 Corinthians 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. **Acts 1:14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, **and with his brethren.**

James salvation:

- Took time → it happened in a moment but often takes time
- Included the resurrection
- Happened before Pentecost
- Included the whole family
- Changed everything

4. James the leader of the Jerusalem Church

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. Acts 12:2 And he **killed James the brother of John** with the sword.

Acts 12:17 But **he**, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, **Go shew these things unto James**, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

Acts 15:13 And after they had held their peace, **James** answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Acts 21:18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto **James**; and all the elders were present.

This agrees with Paul:

Galatians 1:19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save **James the Lord's brother**.

Galatians 2:9 And when **James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars**, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Galatians 2:12 For before that certain came from **James**, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

1 Corinthians 9:3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, 1 Corinthians 9:4 Have we not power to eat and to drink? 1

Corinthians 9:5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, **and as the brethren of the Lord**, and Cephas?

What do we know?

- **One of the three pillars in the church**
- **After the death of James the brother of John**
- **A lead / senior pastor**
- **A very Jewish pastor**

Jews didn't need to become gentiles

Gentiles didn't have to become Jews

- **Same gospel & beliefs**

Acts 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, **Peter** rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Acts 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Acts 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to **Barnabas and Paul**, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

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1 Corinthians 15:11 Therefore whether it were **I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.**

5. James the author of James

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Process of elimination:

- **James, John's brother, is dead**
- **James the less → is less**
- **James, the Lord's ½ brother, is the only man standing**

6. James the Just

According to Josephus - AD 62 by stoning

According to others - AD 69 by being thrown off the pinnacle of the temple & then beaten to death with a club.