

JAMES THE BROTHER OF JOHN

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Mark 3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Mark 3:16 And Simon he surnamed Peter; **Mark 3:17** And **James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James;** and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: **Mark 3:18** And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, **Mark 3:19** And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: And they went into an house.

What do we know about James?

1. One of two

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Matthew 20:20 Then came to him **the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.** **Matthew 20:21** And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Facts:

- Son of Zebedee
- Brother of John
- Son of a strong mother

Jealous for her sons → maybe too much

- Son(s) of Thunder

What does this mean?

Or the opposite?

2. One of three

Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **Mark 5:37** And he suffered no man to follow him, **save Peter, and James, and John** the brother of James.

Mark 9:2 And after six days **Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John**, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mark 13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, **Peter and James and John and Andrew** asked him privately,

Mark 14:33 And **he taketh with him Peter and James and John**, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; **Mark 14:34** And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Thoughts:

- They were allowed with Him → when others were not
- With Him on the Mount of Transfiguration
- With Him for special instructions
- With Him in the Garden

What do we make of this?

- **I'm not 100% sure**
- **All the Lord's choice**
- **Not about the men themselves**

Mount: didn't know what they were talking about

Temple: confused

Garden: asleep

- **A great privilege & therefore a great responsibility**
- **If it happens, enjoy it**

Rejoice & be glad

3. One of twelve

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One of twelve:

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him **his twelve disciples**, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. **Matthew 10:2** **Now the names of the twelve apostles are these;** The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Matthew 10:5 **These twelve** Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Matthew 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding **his twelve disciples**, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

Matthew 20:17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took **the twelve disciples** apart in the way, and said unto them,

Matthew 26:14 Then one of **the twelve**, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

Matthew 26:20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with **the twelve**.

Matthew 26:47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of **the twelve**, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Acts 6:2 Then **the twelve** called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

1 Corinthians 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of **the twelve**:

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

4. One of one & gone too soon!

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.

Thoughts:

- **Do we remember Matthew 20:22-23?**
- **God has His own plans**
- **God is sovereign**
- **We serve & submit**