

JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEUS

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What do we find about James the son of Alphaeus?

1. The **other** James

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,

Luke 6:15 Matthew and Thomas, **James the son of Alphaeus**, and Simon called Zelotes,

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.

Thoughts:

- **Mentioned in all four lists of apostles**
- **Listed as an apostle**
- **Listed as the son of Alphaeus**

What was the purpose of this?

I'm James but NOT that James!

2. The **lesser** James

Mark 15:40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, **and Mary the mother of James the less** (Ἰακώβου τοῦ μικροῦ) and of Joses, and Salome;

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, **and Mary the mother of James**, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

Matthew 27:56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and **Mary the mother of James** and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

James = (Ἰάκωβος) → Jacob

The less = (μικρός) which means:

- **Younger**
- **Smaller**
- **Less important / less well-known**

It seems there are 3 James mentioned in the NT.

Not all agree. Liberals do not assume accuracy & might end up with 5/6 different people.

Our assumptions (drawn from many texts & ideas):

- **The authors knew the men**
- **The authors were not confused**
- **The authors certainly were not making stuff up → much later for political purposes**

- (We also assume) The authors were not attempting to tell us everything
- The authors will assume many things
- Things we cannot know the exact same way!

Think Wisconsin:

Think deer stand:

James the less:

- Younger → maybe
- Smaller → possibly
- Less important → probably

As are all of us!

But not, not important! Or, not unimportant!

Ephesians 6:8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

3. The apostle James

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We don't know much, but we know he was exceptionally important!

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Ephesians 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, **as** it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **Ephesians 4:12** **For** the perfecting of the saints, **for** the work of the ministry, **for** the edifying of the body of Christ: **Ephesians 4:13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Apostles given for:

The foundation

Revelation (further)

Edification of the people