

## Jesus Re-entered the Conversation #2 “Brothers”

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### I. First Conversations

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8** (NASB '95) *All the church knows this creed...* **1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.


**3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that He appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the twelve. **6** After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **7** then He appeared to [Jesus' brother] James, then to all the apostles; **8** and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

 The earliest followers saw the \_\_\_\_\_ and believed.

 There are many eye witnesses.

### II. Why is James Important? Sibling Rivalry?

**Matthew 12:46-47** (NIV) *Family outside the ministry...* **46** While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. **47** Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” (See also: Matthew 13:55-56; Luke 8:10-21; Mark 3:31; 6:1-3; John 2:12, 7:3.)

 Sometimes family are slow to see our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 3:20-21** (NIV) *Family outside the ministry...* **20** Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. **21** When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

**John 7:1-5** (NASB '96) **1** After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. **2** Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. **3** Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go

into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. **4** For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” **5** For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

 Prior to the resurrection Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ was unhelpful.

**Mark 6:3** (NIV) Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. (See also: Mt. 13:55-56)

### III. Jesus Brothers Believed in His Resurrection

**Acts 1:12—14** (NIV) *Upper room prayer meeting...* **12** Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. **13** When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14** They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and **with his brothers**.

 Jesus family joins team, \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Faith without works is Dead

**James 1:2—4** (NIV) *Trials and Temptation...* **2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

 Jesus brother James became a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church.

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.-Rom. 10:9

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