

**“Vital signs”!
Checking your pulse!**

Faith without Works is Dead is saying it was never alive and therefore never real faith! Its NOT saying that it was and it died!



Hesitant, reluctant, half-hearted, humiliated, Intractable or Unlikely, Obstinate, Skeptical, resentful, resistant, judgmental, Jesus is crazy...was Awakened! Born again! Sibling rivalry, Brother from another Father, late blooming

Sibling rivalries:

Actresses and sisters Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine didn't speak to each other for 40 years.

Mary and Anne Boleyn feuded over King Henry VIII's affections.

"Ann Landers" and "Abigail Van Buren," which are [the names the identical twins wrote under](#). Eppie assumed the voice of Ann Landers in the "Ask Ann Landers" column in 1955; Pauline followed in her sister's footsteps just months later by creating her own column, "Dear Abby."

Naturally, there was tension from competing as advice columnists, but the feud began in the mid-1950s when [Pauline allegedly offered](#) to write "Dear Abby" for their hometown newspaper for less pay if it promised not to print "Ask Ann." The twins were never the same after that.

Jessica & Ashlee Simpson

Charlie Sheen & Emilio Estevez

Prince William and Prince Harry have always been known for their friendly

competition, but "Megxit" may be creating an actual feud.

Artaxerxes II and Cyrus the Younger both raised huge armies and, to their mothers' dismay, the brothers went to war for the Persian crown

Puma and Adidas German brothers Adolf and Rudolf Dassler created a shoe company together in their mother's laundry room.

Contrary to Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Isaac and Ismael, Joseph and his brothers, the Prodigal son

[Pro 27:2 NASB20] 2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

1:1 James the Just! Jesus' **brother!** "Brothers" adelphos 19x!! Did he love Jesus as himself? Mt.13:3-5, Acts 15:13, 1Cor.15:7, Gal.1:19 Pastor of Church in Jerusalem

[Jas 1:2, 9, 16, 19 NASB20] 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] when you encounter various trials, ... 9 Now the brother[G80] [or sister] of humble [circumstances] is to glory in his high position; ... 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters.] ... 19 You know [this,] my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters.] Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to anger;

[Jas 2:1, 5, 14-15 NASB20] 1 My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with [an attitude of] personal favoritism. ... 5 Listen, my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters:] did God not choose the poor of this world [to be] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ... 14 What use is it, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother[G80] or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

[Jas 3:1, 10, 12 NASB20] 1 Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers[G80], since you know that we [who are teachers] will incur a stricter judgment. ... 10 from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] these things should not be this way. ... 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] bear olives, or a vine [bear] figs? Nor [can] salt water produce fresh.

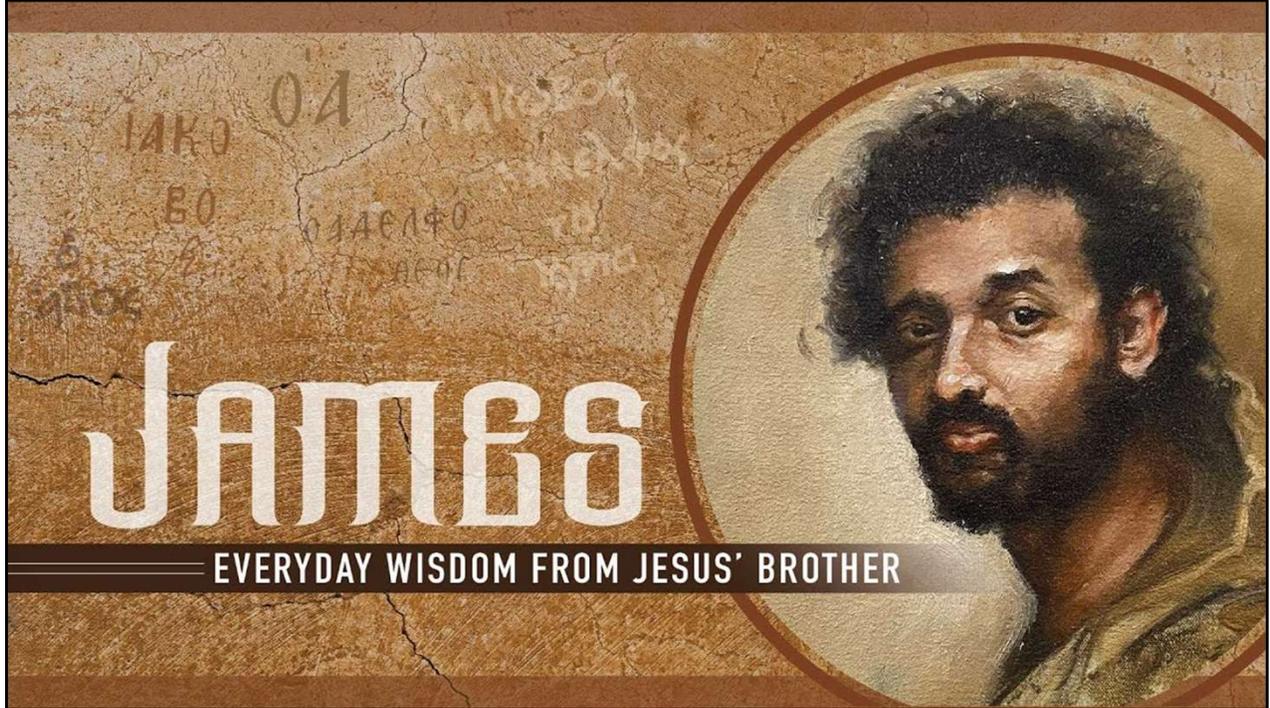
[Jas 4:11 NASB20] 11 Do not speak against one another, brothers[G80] [and sisters.] The one who speaks against a brother[G80] [or sister,] or judges his brother[G80] [or sister,] speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge [of it.]

[Jas 5:7, 9-10, 12, 19 NASB20] 7 Therefore be patient, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. ... 9 Do not complain, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] against one another, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. 10 As an example, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ... 12 But above all, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] do not swear,

either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment. ... 19 My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] if anyone among you strays from the truth and someone turns him back,

•Please read the 5 chapters of the book of James before Sunday, its a short read. Record observations.

- Which "James" in the Bible is the human writer of the epistle of James?
- What kind of relationship do you think he had with Jesus?
- What title or summary would you give the book of James?
- What other passages of scripture tell us about this James?
- [Act 12:1-17](#), [Act 15:13](#) (1-22), [Act 21:18](#), [Gal 1:11-19](#), [Gal 2:9-21](#)
- James describes himself as a "slave" or servant, why?
- If you were the James described here, do you find his introduction lacking?
- How difficult is it to advocate what you used to resist? Has Pride ever kept you from choosing the correct side?
- Which verse in James is your favorite?
- What are the major themes or points in James letter?



Everyday wisdom from Jesus' brother

Yes, Jesus had brothers and sisters!!

[Mat 13:55-56 NASB20] 55 "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is His mother not called Mary, and His brothers, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? 56 "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then [did] this Man [acquire] all these things?"

Why is this controversial?

R.C. church deifies Mary, Mariology, worship of Mary, Virgin extended to eternal and therefore sinless? How else could Jesus have been born sinless? the Immaculate Conception

"The Immaculate Conception is necessary because Christ needs sinless human flesh, for he cannot be a sinner, and he must take his flesh from his mother really and truly if he is to be fully human"

James the (half) brother of Jesus!

- There was also James, brother of John and another
- Did Mary show favoritism to Jesus over James ...?
- Ever have a Perfect Sibling? Tough to live up to!
- Why didn't he mention this connection in his intro?
- A bond-servant, “slave” of God and Jesus!
- A Very Jewish epistle, 12 tribes dispersed ...

Peter, James and John!

Naves Topical bible

James: 1. An Apostle Son of Zebedee and Salome,

James: An Intimate Companion of Jesus, and Present with Him: At the great catch of fish, [Luk 5:10](#);

James: 2. An Apostle **Son of Alphaeus**, [Mat 10:3 NASB20] 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; **James the son of Alphaeus**, and Thaddaeus;

revered as a good man even by those in the priestly class who did not believe his brother was the Messiah.⁰ According to various scholars, James was either a son of St. Joseph from a previous marriage or as a cousin of Jesus

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Why didn't he mention this connection in his intro? At least as a differentiation or identifier? Wouldn't you want to use it as a way to say, who could better say what Jesus was REALLY like?! No fake martyrdom here!

Do you think that you could convince one of your siblings into believing that you're the Son of God?

James, who probably wore Jesus' hand-me-downs?

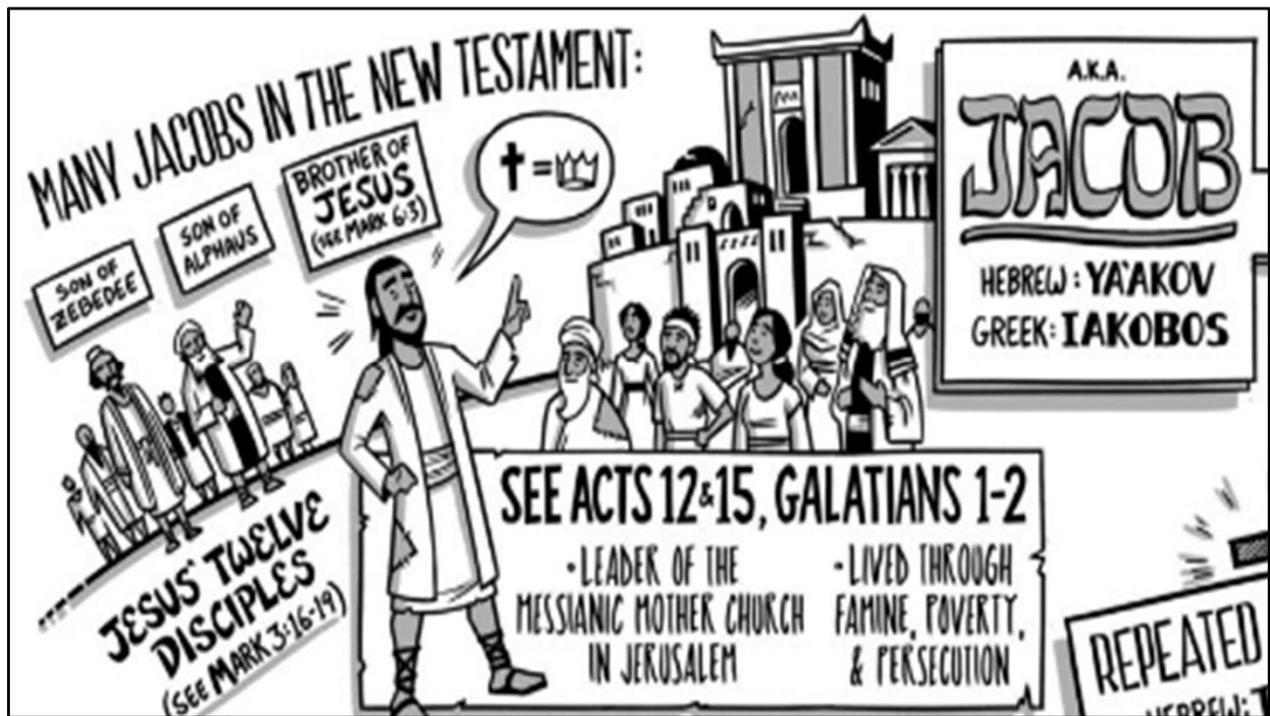
How did James perceive Jesus staying behind in Jerusalem at Passover when He was 12?

James' conversion cries out for an explanation. How could someone come to believe so strongly that their big brother was the divine Messiah?

[Mat 10:2 NASB20] 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; and James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

Jewishness of James, and likely Jesus too (they grew up in a devoutly JEWish home!)

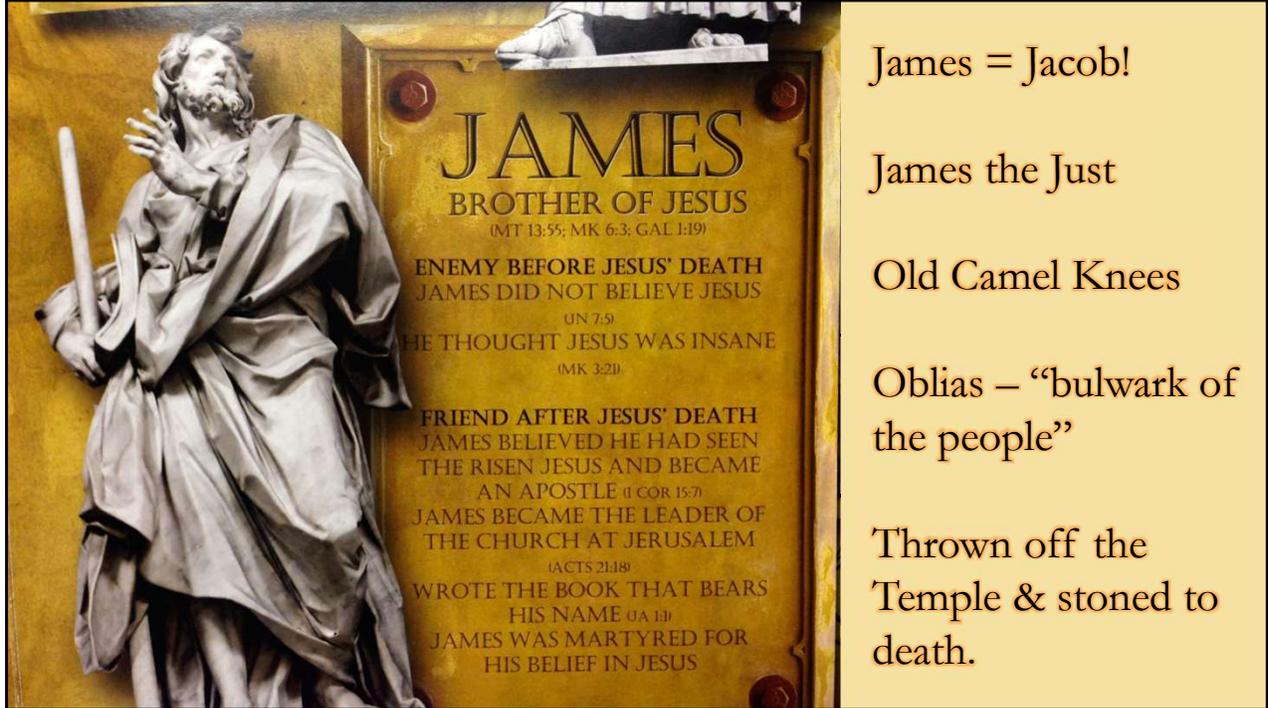
- There is no mention of the incarnation or of the resurrection. In book of James
- The word "gospel" does not occur in the epistle There is no suggestion that the Messiah has appeared
- interested in conduct more than in creed.
- It has very little formulated theology, less than any other epistle in the New Testament
- Their meeting-place is called "your synagogue" (2:2)
- Abraham is mentioned as "our father" (2:21).
- God is given the Old Testament name, "the Lord of Sabaoth" (5:4).
- The law is not to be spoken against nor judged, but reverently and loyally obeyed. It is a royal law to which every loyal Jew will be subject.
- The sins of the flesh are not inveighed against in the epistle, but those sins to which the Jews were more conspicuously liable, such as the love of money and the distinction which money may bring (2:2-4), worldliness and pride (4:4-6), impatience and murmuring (5:7-11), and other sins of the temper and tongue (3:1-12; 4:11,12)
- The illustrations of faithfulness and patience and prayer are found in Old Testament characters, in Abraham (2:21), Rahab (2:25), Job (Jas 5:11), and Elijah (Jas 5:17,18). The whole atmosphere of the epistle is Jewish.



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Jacob (Hebrew) is equivalent to the Greek name James, Like Jesus is Greek for Joshua (Hebrew)
 Leader of the Messianic mother church in Jerusalem
 Lived through Famine, poverty, persecution

[of James G2385](#) Ἰακώβου Ἰάκωβος *iakōbos*
Iakōb Ἰακώβ



James - brother of Jesus. **The Golden child ?**

Greek G2385 - **iakōbos "supplanter"** "heel-catcher"

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[Gal 1:19 NASB20] 19 But I did not see another one of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Thrown off the Temple, didn't die so they beat him to death. His works evidence his Faith!!!!

Enemy before Jesus' death, James did NOT believe Jesus

[Jhn 7:5 NASB20] 5 For not even His brothers believed in Him.

He thought Jesus was insane

[Mar 3:21 NASB20] 21 And when His own people heard [about this,] they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses.NKJV "He is out of His mind."

Friend after Jesus death , James believed he had seen the Risen Jesus and became an Apostle.

[1Co 15:7 NASB20] 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

James became the leader of the church at Jerusalem

[Act 21:18 NASB20] 18 And the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

Wrote the book that bears his name

[Jas 1:1 NASB20] 1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

James was martyred for his belief in Jesus

Peter and Paul defer to him. Paul mentions his name before that of Peter and John.

Most all Biblical scholars concur that James the brother of Jesus is not to be identified as James, the brother of John and the son of Zebedee. That James was killed (Acts 12:2) before the Jerusalem Council led by James the brother of Jesus.

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Josephus (Ant., XX, ix) tells us that Ananus the high priest had James stoned to death, and that the most equitable of the citizens immediately rose in revolt against such a lawless procedure

Hegesippus says that James was first thrown from a pinnacle of the temple, and then they stoned him because he was not killed by the fall, and he was finally beaten over the head with a fuller's club

All tradition agrees in describing James as a Hebrew of the Hebrews, a man of the most rigid and ascetic morality, faithful in his observance of all the ritual regulations of the Jewish faith. **Hegesippus** tells us that he was holy from his mother's womb. He drank no wine nor strong drink. **Hegesippus** records the following about James' death, as **quoted by Eusebius**, a 4th century Church historian: Thrown of the edge of the Temple and stoned to death.

James' martyrdom wasn't just recorded in Christian sources (Hegesippus) but by the 1st-century Jewish historian Josephus.

In his book Antiquities of the Jews 20.200, Josephus wrote:

“But this younger Ananus, who, as we told you already, took the high priesthood, was a bold man in his temper, and very insolent...He assembled the Sanhedrin of judges and brought before them the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ, whose name was James, and some others. When he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them over to be stoned.”

The overdue disciple

- Matthew 12:48 - But Jesus replied to the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?”
- Matthew 13:55 - “Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is His mother not called Mary, and His brothers, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?” 27:56, Sisters too Mark 6:3

“Dragging his feet” disciple, Delayed disciple

Imagine the broken humility it would take to admit you have been so very wrong about your own brother! Especially after almost 3 years of Jesus gathering disciples! “Slow disciple's playing”

How many people make significant changes in their family/personal religion? Especially to faith in Jesus Christ!

And then to preach in his name to the point of martyrdom!

Notice he doesn't capitalize on Jesus as his brother and names favoritism as a grievous sin in Ja.2!!!

[Mat 12:46-50 NASB20] 46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. 47 [Someone said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak to You."] 48 But Jesus replied to the one who was

telling Him and said, "Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?" 49 And extending His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold: My mother and My brothers! 50 "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother."

[Mat 13:54-55, 57-58 NASB20] 54 And He came to His hometown and [began] teaching them in their synagogue, with the result that they were astonished, and said, "Where [did] this man [acquire] this wisdom and [these] miraculous powers? 55 "Is this not the carpenter's son? **Is His mother not called Mary, and His brothers, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?** ... 57 And **they took offense at Him.** But Jesus said to them, "**A prophet is not dishonored except in his hometown and in his [own] household.**" 58 **And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.**

[Mat 27:56 NASB20] 56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, **Mary the mother of James and Joseph**, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

[Mar 6:3 NASB20] 3 "**Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon?** And are His sisters not here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

[Luk 24:10 NASB20] 10 Now [these women] were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and **Mary the [mother] of James**; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles.

[Jhn 7:1-10 NASB20] 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 So His brothers said to Him, "Move on from 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 is striving to be [known] publicly. If You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world." 5 For not even His brothers believed in Him. 6 So Jesus said to them, "My time is not yet here, but your time is always ready. 7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify about it, that its deeds are evil. 8 "Go up to the feast yourselves; I am not going up to this feast, because My time has not yet fully arrived." 9 Now having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee. 10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as [though] in secret.

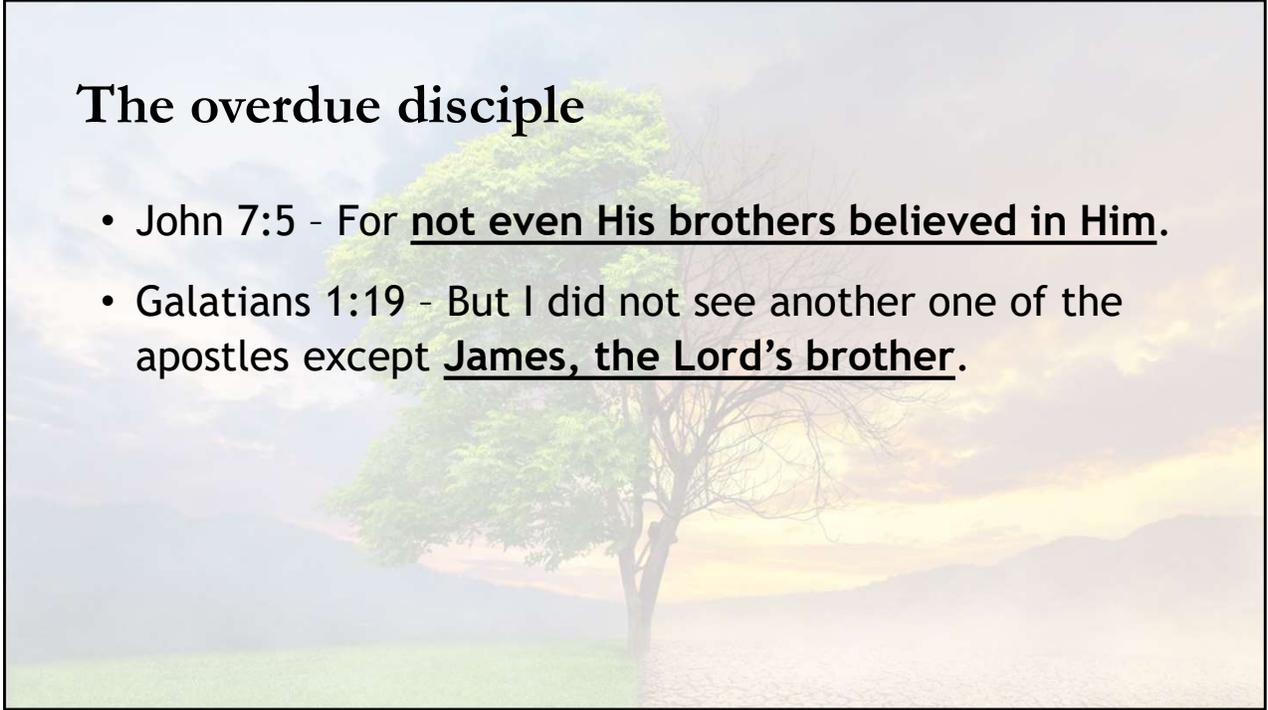
(This is toward the end of Jesus' ministry, likely about six months before His Crucifixion) Even after more than two years of miracles, James is a skeptic. It would, after all, be rather hard to swallow the idea that the brother you had

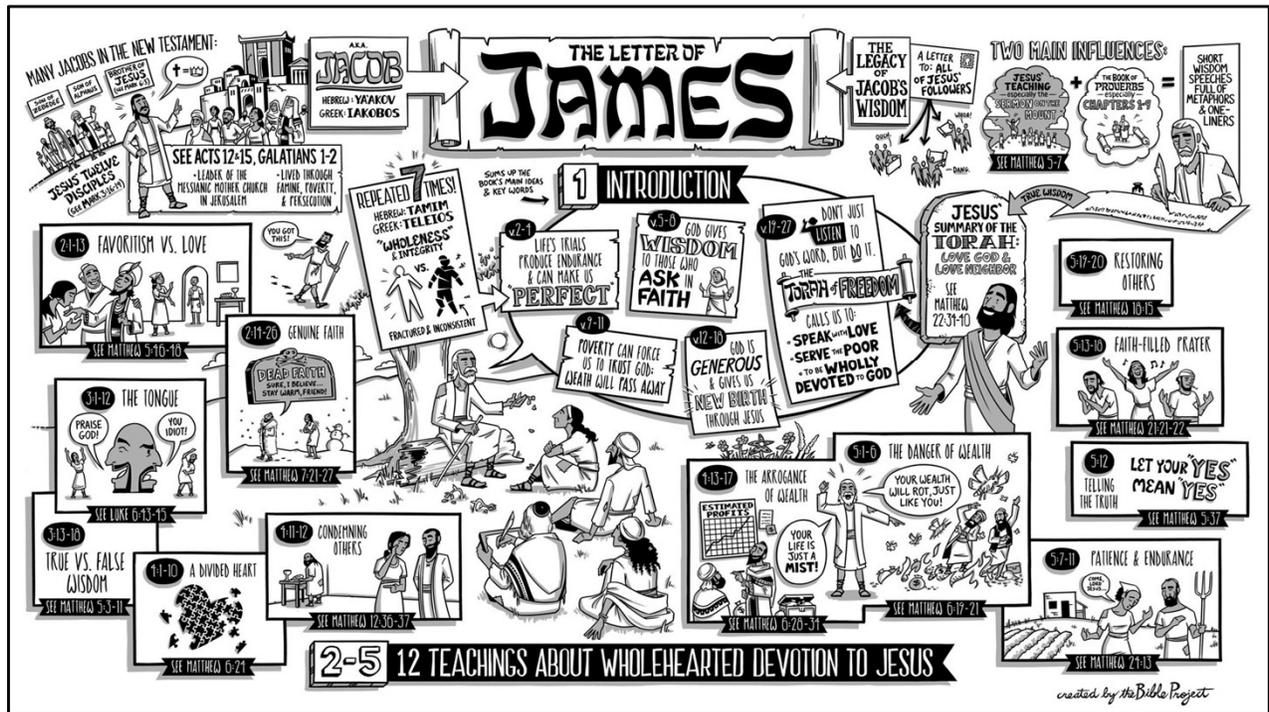
grown up with was really the Son of God.

[Act 15:1-2, 4-20 NASB20] 1 Some men came down from Judea and [began] teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 And after Paul and Barnabas had a heated argument and debate with them, [the brothers] determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue. ... 4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were received by the church, the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to keep the Law of Moses." 6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. 7 After there had been much debate, **Peter stood up** and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 "And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; 9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 "Since this [is the] case, why are you putting God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 "**But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.**" 12 All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. 13 **After they stopped speaking, James responded, saying, "Brothers, listen to me.** 14 "Simeon has described how God first concerned Himself about taking a people for His name from among the Gentiles. 15 "The words of the Prophets agree with this, just as it is written: 16 'AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE FALLEN TABERNACLE OF DAVID, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, 17 SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,' 18 SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS known from long ago. 19 "Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not cause trouble for those from the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols, from [acts of] sexual immorality, from what has been strangled, and from blood.

The overdue disciple

- John 7:5 - For not even His brothers believed in Him.
- Galatians 1:19 - But I did not see another one of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.





Compares James to book of Proverbs & sermon on the Mt.
 12 Teachings about devotion to Jesus
 7x the word Teleois is in James "Wholeness" Integrity
 "brothers, not of/to Jesus but to each other is 19x!!

I say there's a different OT book that is unavoidably reminiscent of James (esp.Ja. 1), which is...?

James prized the gospel, grace & faith alone!

- We are saved through the grace of the Lord. - Acts 15
 - A Major early church debate/division, James led resolve!
 - OT laws vs. NT Grace, Obedience/behavior vs. belief
 - Historic issue making the church integrated/gentiles!
- Acts 21:18, Galatians 1:11-19, 2:9-21 - James emerges as Leader of the Jerusalem church, a Pillar!
- Galatians 2 - Gospel, Faith, Grace!!! In Peter's hypocrisy

We learn much about James from other books of scripture: Acts, Galatians

Championed the Gospel, grace and Faith alone!

Extremely important due to the schism of works vs. faith debate!!

And the debate lingers on today!

•What other passages of scripture tell us about this James?

•[Act 12:1-17](#), [Act 15:13](#) (1-22), [Act 21:18](#), [Gal 1:11-19](#), [Gal 2:9-21](#)

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speaking, James responded, saying, "Brothers, listen to me.

[Act 15:19, 22 NASB20] 19 "Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not cause trouble for those from the Gentiles who are turning to God, ... 22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers,

[Act 21:20-21 NASB20] 20 And when they heard [about them,] they [began] glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law; 21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to abandon Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

[Gal 1:11-19 NASB20] 11 For I would have you know, brothers [and sisters,] that **the gospel which was preached by me is not of human invention.** 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. 15 But when He who had set me apart [even] from my mother's womb and **called [me] through His grace** was pleased 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those [who were] apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. 18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him for fifteen days. 19 **But I did not see another one of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.**

[Gal 2:9, 11-21 NASB20] 9 and recognizing **the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship,** so that we [might] [go] to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ... 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of some men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he [began] to withdraw and separate himself, **fearing those from the circumcision.** 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 But **when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel,** I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how [is it that] you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? 15 "We [are] Jews by nature and not sinners from the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless, **knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have**

believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified. 17 "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Far from it! 18 "For if I rebuild what I have [once] destroyed, I prove myself to be a wrongdoer. 19 "For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live for God. 20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness [comes] through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

**Ossuary:
"James, son of
Joseph, Brother of
Jesus**

**THE BROTHER OF
JESUS**

The Dramatic Story & Meaning of
the First Archaeological Link
to Jesus & His Family

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James' Burial Box

**Evidence of Jesus
Written in Stone!**

An ancient ossuary with the chiseled inscription, "James, Son of Joseph, Brother of Jesus," has been discovered in Jerusalem! The ancient artifact has struck the scholarly world like the detonation of a thousand megaton bomb! It provides incredible testimony of the veracity of the New Testament Scriptures, as well as documents the existence of James, the brother of Jesus, his father Joseph, and Jesus Christ Himself! Here is the amazing story!

William F. Dankenbring

About 20 years ago a powerfully affirming piece of Archaeology was presented of James, the brother of Jesus! Ossuary of James!

Holden and Geisler write, "Professor Camil Fuchs, head of the statistics department at Tel Aviv University, researched deceased males in Jerusalem in the first century AD. He concluded (based on conservative estimates of a growing Jerusalem population between AD 6 and 70, minus all women, minus children who would not have reached manhood by the time of James's death, minus non-Jews, and considering the fame of Jesus as a brother to warrant the inscription, time of death, and literacy) that with 95 percent assurance there existed at the time in Jerusalem 1.71 people named James who had a father named Joseph and brother named Jesus."^[18]

James' mention of Jesus implies that he believed in the resurrection.

Ben Witherington writes, "James lived in an honor and shame culture, and

crucifixion was the most shameful way to die in that culture. If crucifixion had been the final event in Jesus' earthly life, then it is hard to believe that thirty years later someone would be bragging on an ossuary about being related to him. The last part of the inscription reads, almost emphatically, 'His brother [is] Jesus!' or 'He's the brother of Jesus!' What had happened that redeemed the honor of the crucified Jesus? It was his resurrection. So, I like to say, James is in the box, and Jesus is on the box, because of the resurrection."^[19]

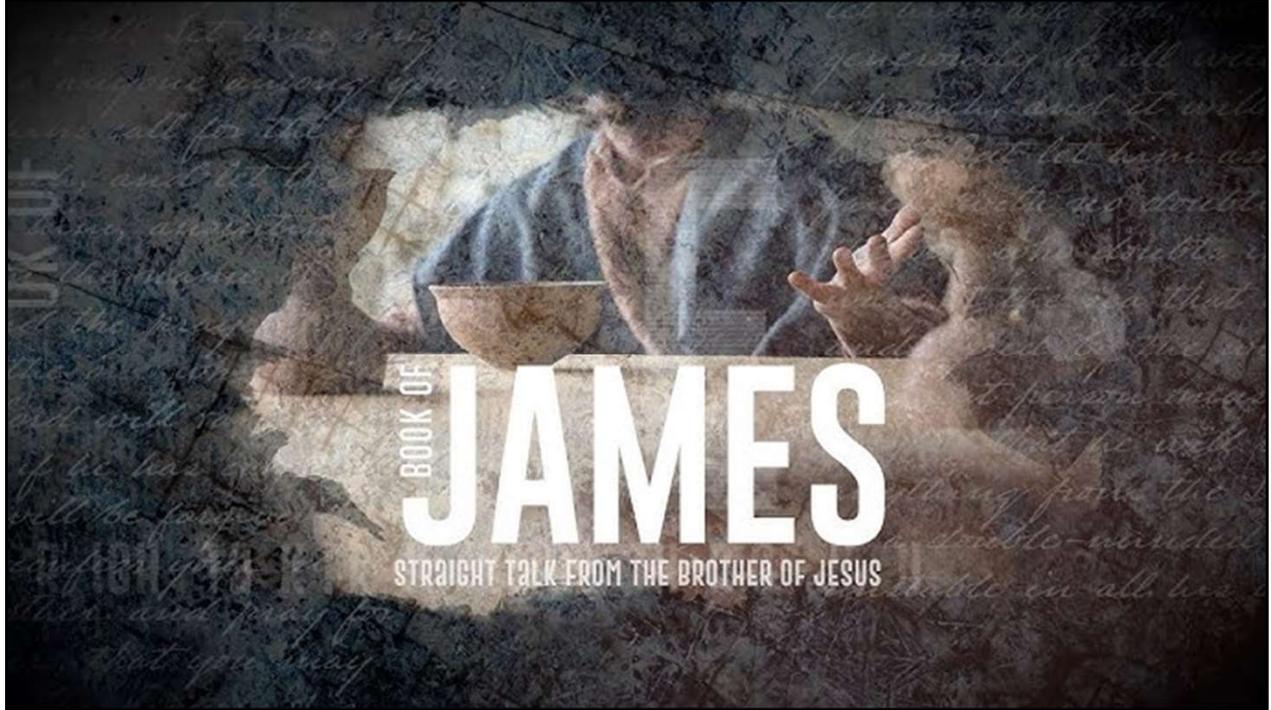
The James Ossuary is a 1st-century [limestone](#) box that was used for containing the bones of the dead. An [Aramaic](#) inscription meaning "Jacob (James), son of Joseph, brother of Jesus" is cut into one side of the box. The ossuary attracted scholarly attention due to its apparent association with the Christian [holy family](#).^[1] The existence of the ossuary was announced at an October 21, 2002, Washington press conference co-hosted by the [Discovery Channel](#) and the [Biblical Archaeology Society](#). The owner of the ossuary is [Oded Golan](#), an Israeli engineer and antiquities collector.^[2] The inscription was initially translated by [André Lemaire](#), a Semitic [epigrapher](#), whose article claiming that the ossuary and its inscription were authentic was published in the November/December 2002 issue of [Biblical Archaeology Review](#).^{[3][4]}

<https://calvarychapel.com/posts/the-james-ossuary-the-earliest-witness-to-jesus-and-his-family/>

Radical change of heart and mind!

- Mark 3:21 - And when His own people heard [about this,] they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.”
- NLT - When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. “He’s out of his mind,” they said.
- Historians tell us James was thrown from the Temple, didn’t die, and then beaten to death!

His Family tried to 302 him! Commit him against his will at “Friends” hospital



19x he calls them brothers

James is blunt but brotherly

- “Brothers and sisters” 19x in James! - 1:2
- “visit orphans and widows” - 1:27
- Did God not choose the poor of this world to be rich
- “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,”
- “was Rahab the prostitute not justified” - 2:25
- James 4:4 - You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? ...

Brothers; G80 matches the Greek ἀδελφός (adelphos), [Jas 1:2, 9, 16, 19 NASB20] 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] when you encounter various trials, ... 9 Now the brother[G80] [or sister] of humble [circumstances] is to glory in his high position; ... 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters.] ... 19 You know [this,] my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters.] Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to anger; [Jas 2:1, 5, 14-15 NASB20] 1 My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with [an attitude of] personal favoritism. ... 5 Listen, my beloved brothers[G80] [and sisters:] did God not choose the poor of this world [to be] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ... 14 What use is it, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother[G80] or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, [Jas 3:1, 10, 12 NASB20] 1 Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers[G80], since you know that we [who are teachers] will incur a stricter judgment. ... 10 from the same mouth come [both] blessing and cursing. My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] these things should not be this way. ... 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] bear olives, or a vine [bear] figs? Nor [can] salt water produce fresh.

[Jas 4:11 NASB20] 11 Do not speak against one another, brothers[G80] [and sisters.] The one who speaks against a brother[G80] [or sister,] or judges his brother[G80] [or sister,] speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge [of it.]

[Jas 5:7, 9-10, 12, 19 NASB20] 7 Therefore be patient, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. ... 9 Do not complain, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] against one another, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. 10 As an example, brothers[G80] [and sisters,] of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ... 12 But above all, my brothers[G80] [and sisters,] do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment. ... 19 My brothers[G80] [and sisters,] if anyone among you strays from the truth and someone turns him back,

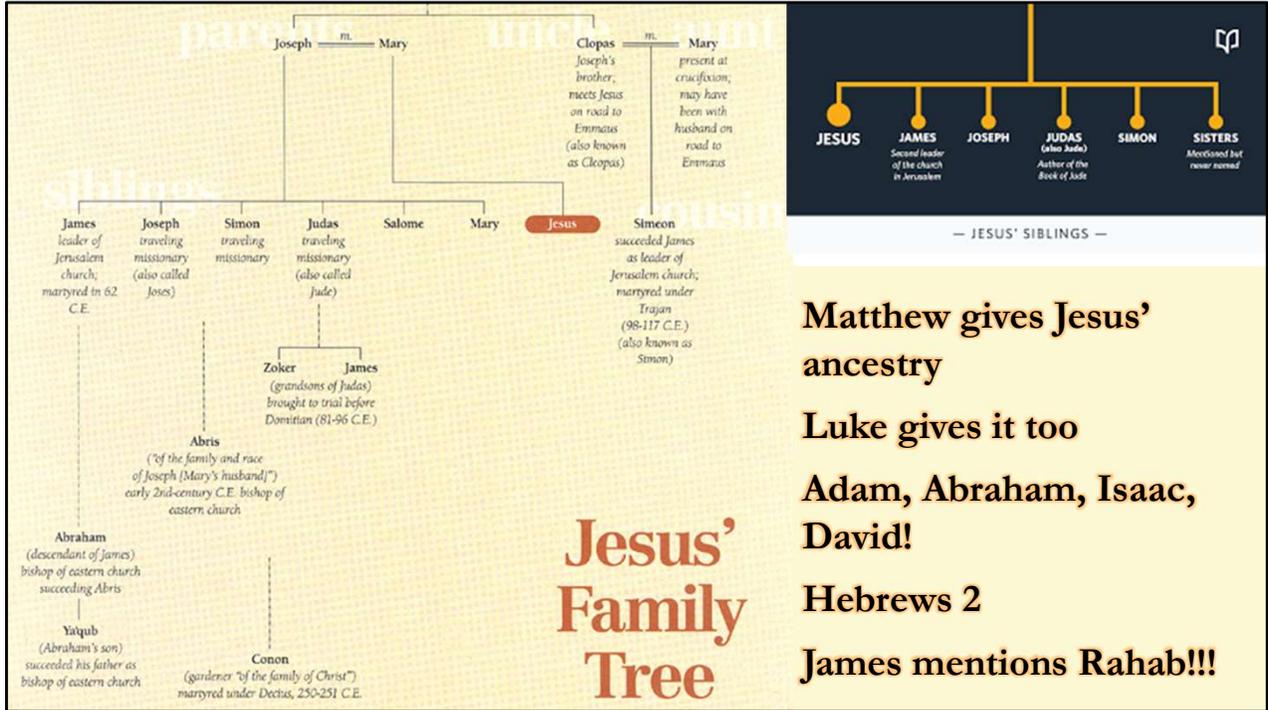
[Jas 2:5-6 NASB20] 5 Listen, my beloved brothers [and sisters:] did God not choose the poor of this world [to be] rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

[Jas 2:25 NASB20] 25 In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works also when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Rahab was a Canaanite! But she believed as evidenced by her actions. She WAS James great grandma!!

[Jas 1:8 NASB20] 8 [being] a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

[Jas 1:26 NASB20] 26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his [own] heart, this person's religion is worthless.



Matthew gives Jesus' ancestry

Luke gives it too

Adam, Abraham, Isaac, David!

Hebrews 2

James mentions Rahab!!!

Faith is what really unites us, not Genes!!

Diaspora, the twelve tribes who are dispersed

- “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”
- Reject Christ, lose His favor, why were they dispersed?
- Deuteronomy 30:1-6 - “you call [them] to mind in all the nations where the LORD your **God has scattered you**, and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and “The LORD your God will bring you into the land”

What started out as Dispersings/Discipline ends up becoming seed scattered and blessings

[Act 26:7 NASB20] 7 [the promise] to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve [God] night and day. For this hope, O king, I am being accused by Jews.

[Lev 26:33 NASB20] 33 'You, however, I will scatter among the nations, and I will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become ruins.

[Deu 4:27 NASB20] 27 "The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.

[Deu 28:64 NASB20] 64 "Furthermore, the LORD will scatter you among all the peoples, from [one] end of the earth to the other; and there you will serve other gods, [made of] wood and stone, which you and your fathers have not known.

[Deu 30:3 NASB20] 3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

[Deu 32:26 NASB20] 26 'I would have said, "I will wipe them out, I will remove the mention of their name from humanity,"

[Est 3:8 NASB20] 8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people

scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from [those] of all [other] people and they do not comply with the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

[Eze 12:15 NASB20] 15 "So they will know that I am the LORD, when I disperse them among the nations and scatter them among the countries.

[Jhn 7:35 NASB20] 35 The Jews then said to one another, "Where does this Man intend to go that we will not find Him? He does not intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, does He?"

[Act 2:5 NASB20] 5 Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

[Act 8:1 NASB20] 1 Now Saul approved of putting Stephen to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles.

[1Pe 1:1 NASB20] 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as strangers, **scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen**

[2Ch 7:12-15 NASB20] 12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send a plague among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer [offered in] this place.

[2Ch 6:37-39 NASB20] 37 if they take it to heart in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and plead to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have done wrong and have acted wickedly'; 38 [if] they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which You have given to their fathers and the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name, 39 then hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, their prayer and pleadings, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

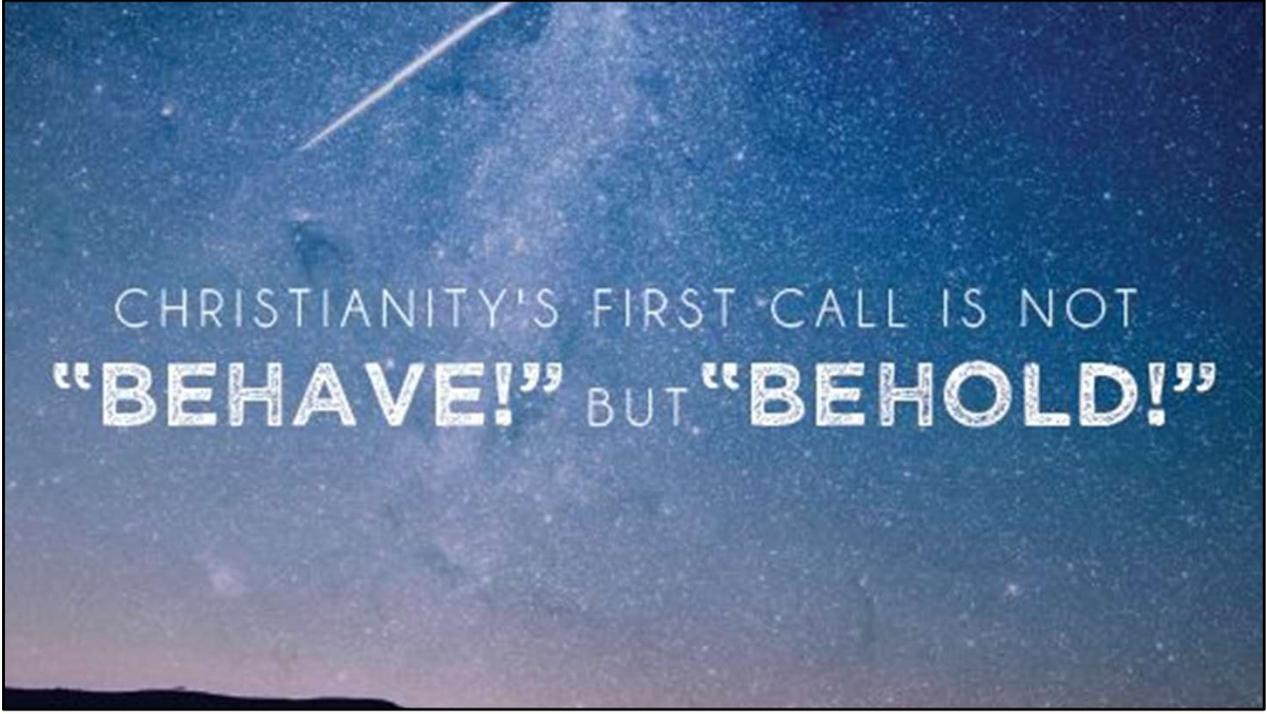
2Ch 7:14 "and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

[Lev 26:40-41 NASB20] 40 'But [if] they confess their wrongdoing and the wrongdoing of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me-- 41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies--or if their uncircumcised heart is humbled so that they then make amends for their wrongdoing,

[Deu 4:29-30 NASB20] 29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find [Him] if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. 30 "When you are in distress and all these things happen to you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

[Deu 30:1-6 NASB20] 1 "So it will be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have placed before you, and you call [them] to mind in all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul in accordance with everything that I am commanding you today, you and your sons, 3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 4 "If any of your scattered [countrymen] are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. 5 "The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will be good to you and make you more numerous than your fathers. 6 "Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.

[2Ch 7:15 NASB20] 15 "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer [offered in] this place.



CHRISTIANITY'S FIRST CALL IS NOT
"BEHAVE!" BUT **"BEHOLD!"**

We too are the (half) brothers/sisters of Jesus!

- Do you believe Jesus, above yourself?! Humility!
- Do true beliefs determine behavior?
- Is the Old Testament and the Law antiquated?
- How do you reconcile people who claim faith but ...
- “Cognitive dissonance”, “faith w/o words is DEAD”
- What is Authentic Faith?

Do you believe Jesus, above yourself?! Even if it means humiliation and repentance? Admitting you were wrong when you had a front row seat to perfection!

It was the resurrection that ultimately changed James!!

Nature vs. nurture? Jer. Leopards spots, Ethiopians skin, Pet rattle snakes!

**Admit I was wrong about Him and myself
Allegiance to Christ!**

antiquated? old-fashioned, out of date

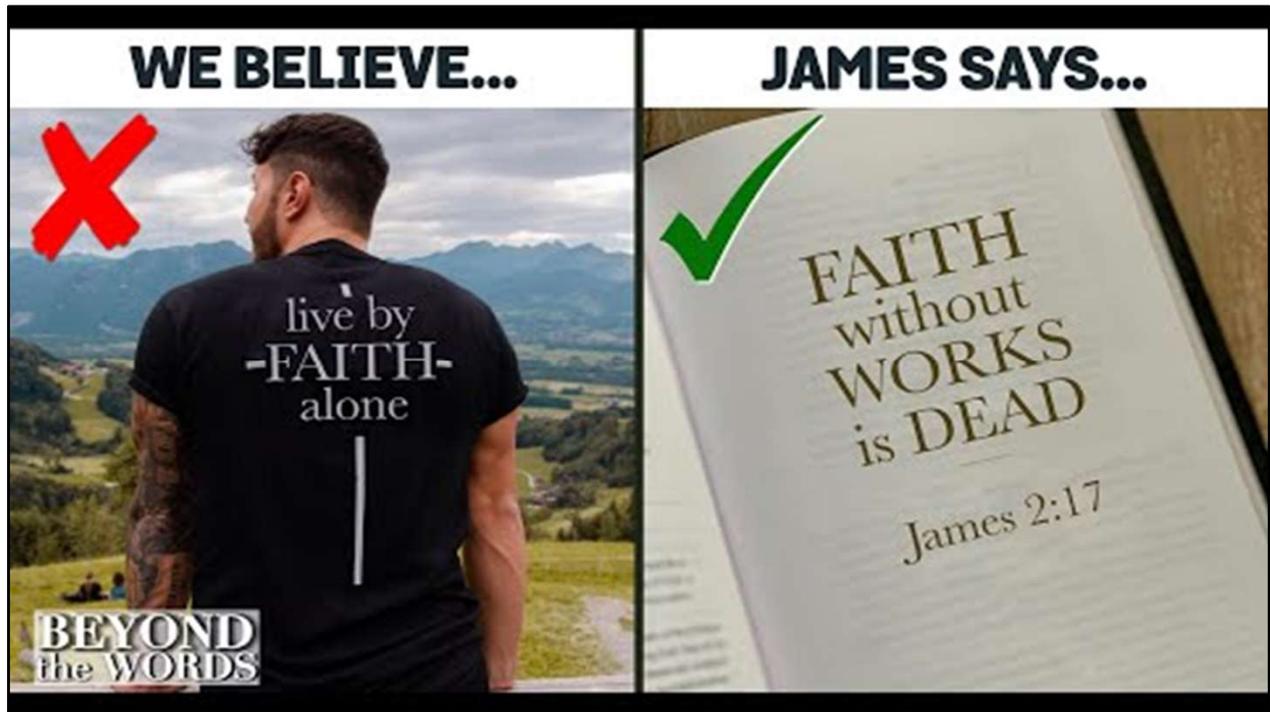
[Rom 1:5 NASB20] 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship **to bring about [the] obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name,

Can you be a disobedient Disciple? A Walking contradiction?!

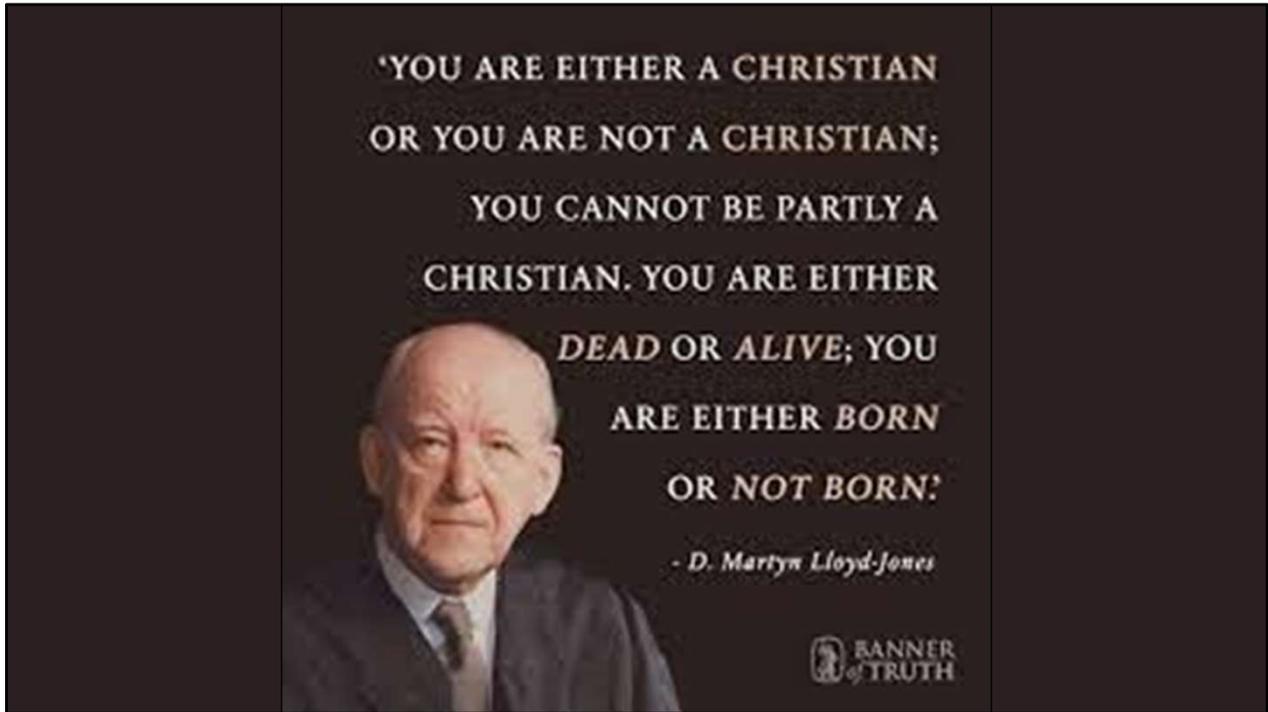
“Cognitive dissonance”

Homosexual Christian, Transgender Christian, Abortionist Christian....Vampire Christian

Self-contradictory attitudes
Rationalization / rationalizing behaviour
Behavioural inconsistency
Self-justification
Self-deception
Victim blaming
Confirmation bias
Prejudice
Excuse-making
Living a lie
Being closeted (e.g. as a homosexual, follower of a different faith (or none),
member of a different ethnicity)
Denial behaviours, e.g. denial of responsibility, self-denial



When is someone alive?
When are you Married?



**You are either a Christian or you are not a Christian:
You cannot be partly a Christian, you are either Dead or Alive; you are either
born or not born**

D. Martin Lloyd Jones





Galatians 1:19 (ESV)

But I saw none of the other apostles except **James** the Lord's brother.

Galatians 2:9 (ESV)

and when **James** and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Galatians 2:12 (ESV)

For before certain men came from **James**, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

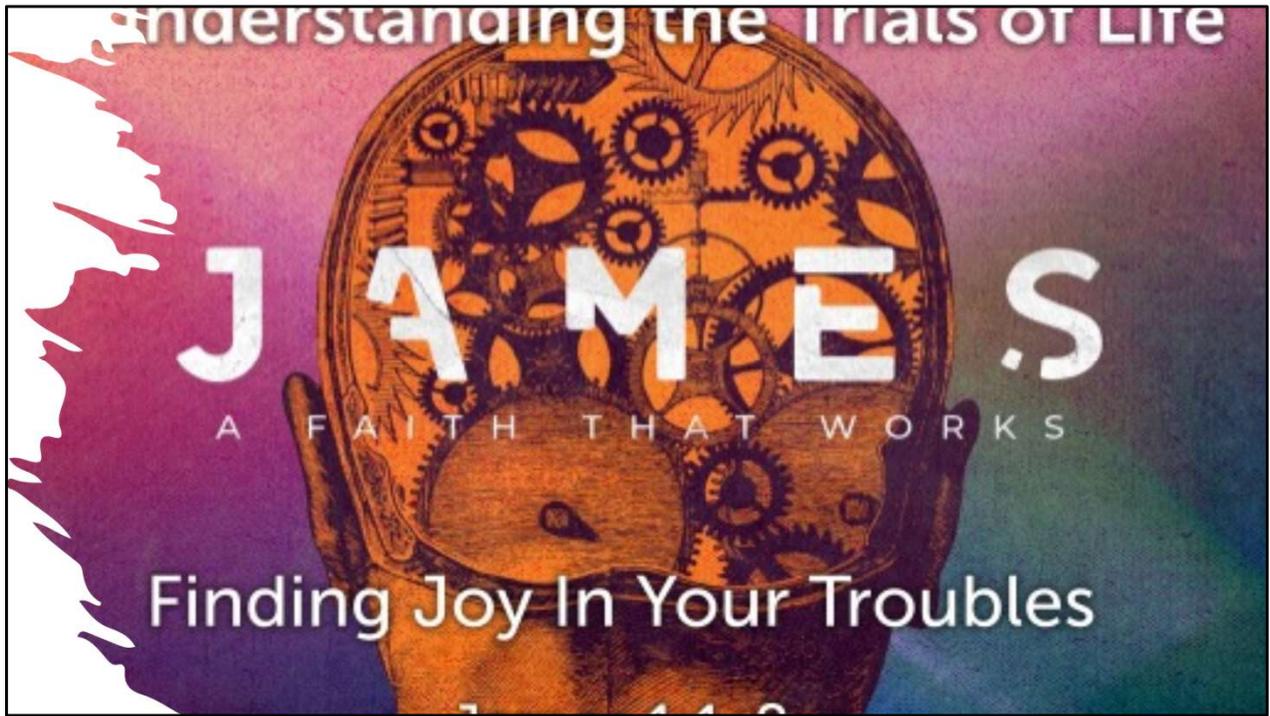
James 1:1 (ESV)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

Jude 1:1 (ESV)

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of **James**, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:



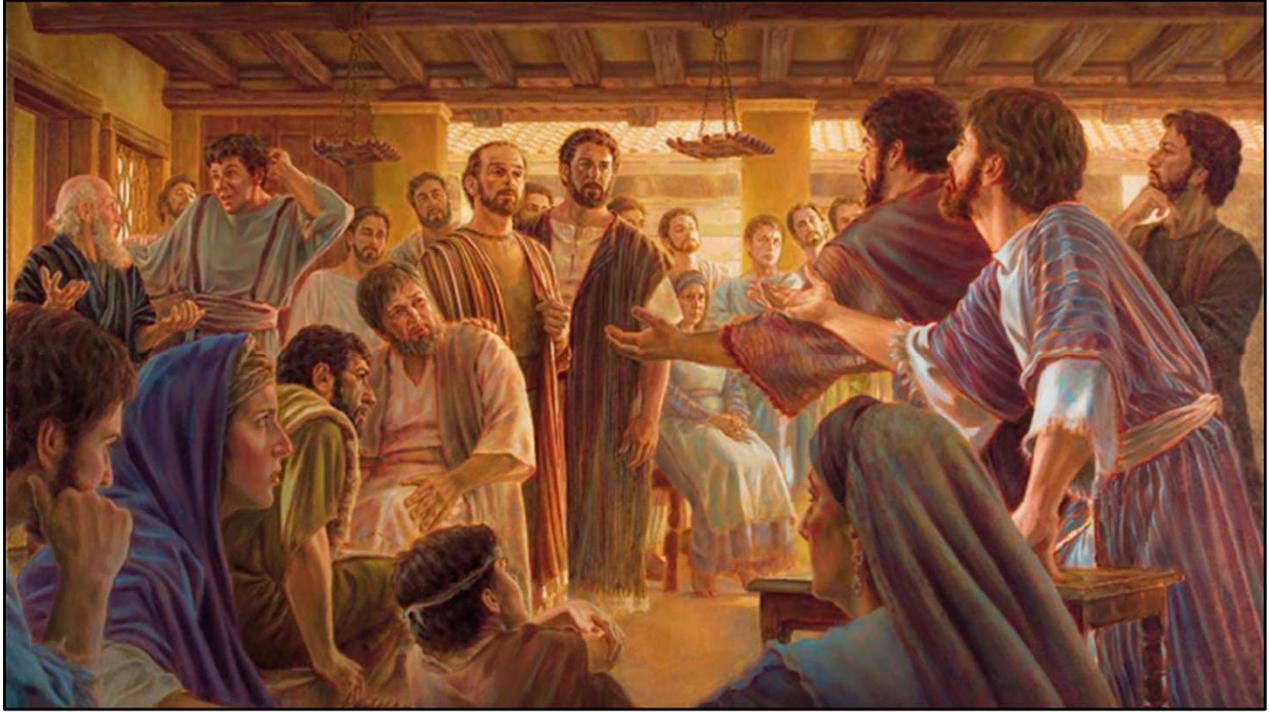




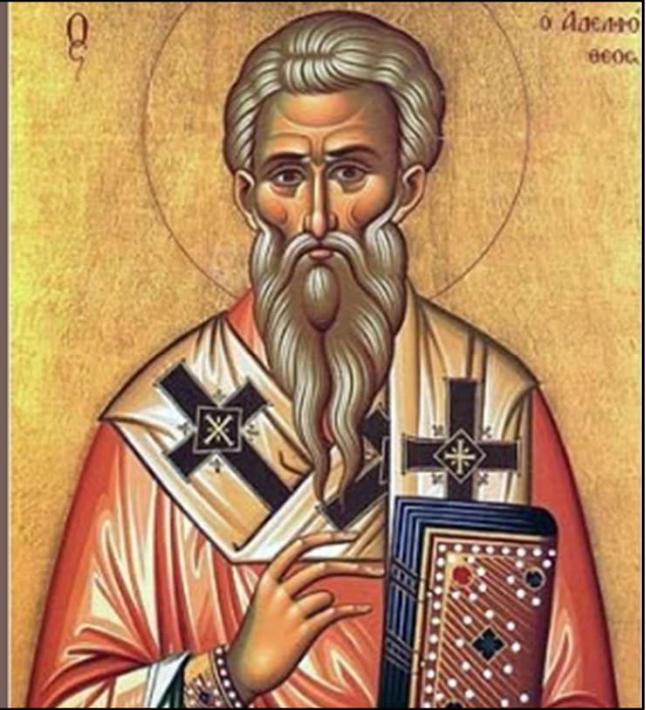
James the Just

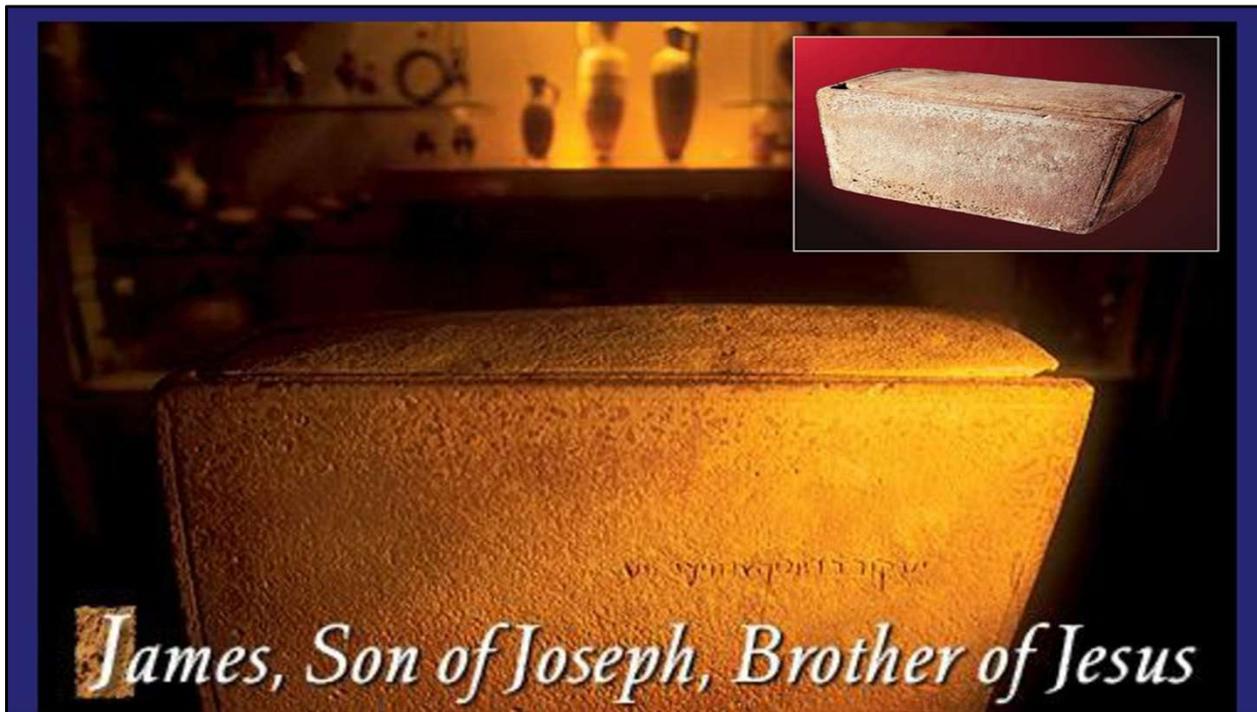
The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.



**9 HISTORICAL FACTS
ABOUT JAMES THE
BROTHER OF JESUS
THAT PROVIDE A
STRONG BASIS FOR
THE TRUTH OF
CHRISTIANITY**





James, Son of Joseph, Brother of Jesus

