

JAMES THE BROTHER OF JESUS

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The Gospels indicate that Mary and Joseph had other children, Jesus was born by the power of the Spirit, and not through natural generation so was a half brother to the rest of the children; Matt 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 and James was among them Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3.

The half brothers and sisters of Jesus did not believe in Him during His ministry John 7:1-5. Yet we find "His brethren" meeting with the believers in the Early Church Acts 1:13-14. Paul informs us that the risen Christ appeared to James, and this was the turning point in his life, 1 Cor. 15:5-7. James was the leader of the Early Church in Jerusalem Acts 15; see also Act 21:18. He was also the writer of the Epistle of James. This letter and the events recorded in Acts 21:18 suggest that he was very Jewish in his thinking.

References to James, the brother of Jesus.

Matthew 13:55.

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

Mark 6:3.

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.

Galatian 1:19.

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

Matthew 27:56.

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

Luke 24:10.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

Galatian 2:9.

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.

Galatian 2:12

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.