

## ~JAMES 2 (356)

[English equivalent of Jacob, meaning, One Seizing the Heel, Supplanter]

- Son of Zebedee, brother of John and one of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ.
- The names of the twelve apostles are these. First, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother. (**Matthew 10:2**)
- His mother, it seems, was Salome, as may be noted by comparing two accounts of the same event. One mentions the mother of the sons of Zebedee, the other calls her Salome.
- Moreover, many women were there viewing from a distance, who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee to minister to him. (**Matthew 27:55**)
- Among whom was Mary Magdalene, also Mary the mother of **James** and **Joses**, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. (**Matthew 27:56**)
- There were also women viewing from a distance, among them Mary Magdalene as well as Mary the mother of **James** the Less and of **Joses**, and Salome. (**Mark 15:40**)
- Who used to accompany him and minister to him when he was in Galilee, and many other women who had come up together with him to Jerusalem. (**Mark 15:41**)
- A further comparison of;
- By the torture stake of Jesus, however, there were standing his mother and the sister of his mother, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (**John 19:25**)
- Perhaps points to Salome as the fleshly sister of Mary, Jesus mother. If so, **James** was a first cousin of Jesus.

See Also **SALOME 1**

- **James** and his brother were working with their father in the fishing business in **30 C.E.** when Jesus called them, together with associate fishermen Peter and Andrew, to be his disciples and fishers of men.
- In answering Jesus call, **James** and John left a fishing business that was a partnership with Peter and Andrew and that was large enough to employ hired men.
- Walking alongside the sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, letting down a fishing net into the sea, for they were fishers. (**Matthew 4:18**)
- And he said to them; Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (**Matthew 4:19**)
- At once abandoning the nets, they followed him. (**Matthew 4:20**)
- Going on also from there he saw two others who were brothers, **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. (**Matthew 4:21**)
- At once leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. (**Matthew 4:22**)
- And after going a little farther he saw **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in fact, while they were in their boat mending their nets. (**Mark 1:19**)
- And without delay he called them. In turn they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went off after him. (**Mark 1:20**)
- So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and assist them, and they did come, and they filled both boats, so that these began to sink. (**Luke 5:7**)
- Seeing this, Simon Peter fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying; Depart from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord. (**Luke 5:8**)
- For at the catch of fish which they took up astonishment overwhelmed him and all those with him. (**Luke 5:9**)

- And likewise both **James** and John, Zebedee's sons, who were sharers with Simon. But Jesus said to Simon; Stop being afraid. From now on you will be catching men alive. (**Luke 5:10**)
- The next year, **31 C.E.**, when Jesus designated 12 of his disciples to be apostles, **James** was one of the group selected.
- And he ascended a mountain and summoned those he wanted, and they went off to him. (**Mark 3:13**)
- And he formed a group of twelve, whom he also named apostles, that they might continue with him and that he might send them out to preach (**Mark 3:14**)
- And to have authority to expel the demons. (**Mark 3:15**)
- And the group of twelve that he formed were Simon, to whom he also gave the surname Peter. (**Mark 3:16**)
- And **James** the son of Zebedee and John the brother of **James**, he also gave these the surname Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder. (**Mark 3:17**)
- And Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and **James** the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Cananaean. (**Mark 3:18**)
- And Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed him. And he went into a house. (**Mark 3:19**)
- In the progress of these days he went out into the mountain to pray, and he continued the whole night in prayer to God. (**Luke 6:12**)
- But when it became day he called his disciples to him and chose from among them twelve, whom he also named apostles. (**Luke 6:13**)
- Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and **James** and John, and Philip and Bartholomew. (**Luke 6:14**)
- And Matthew and Thomas, and **James** the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who is called the zealous one. (**Luke 6:15**)

- And Judas the son of **James**, and Judas Iscariot, who turned traitor. (**Luke 6:16**)
- Often Peter, **James**, and John were mentioned as being together in close company with Christ. For example, these three were the only ones present with Christ in the mount of transfiguration
- Six days later Jesus took Peter and **James** and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. (**Matthew 17:1**)
- And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his outer garments became brilliant as the light. (**Matthew 17:2**)
- Were the only apostles invited into the house to witness the resurrection of Jairus daughter
- When he reached the house he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter and John and **James** and the girl's father and mother. (**Luke 8:51**)
- And were the ones closest to Jesus in Gethsemane while he was praying that last night
- So they came to a spot named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples; Sit down here while I pray. (**Mark 14:32**)
- And he took Peter and **James** and John along with him, and he started to be stunned and to be sorely troubled. (**Mark 14:33**)
- And he said to them; My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Stay here and keep on the watch. (**Mark 14:34**)
- Peter, **James**, and John, together with Andrew, were the ones that asked Jesus when the foretold destruction of Jerusalem's temple would be and what would be the sign of his presence and of the conclusion of the system of things.
- And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives with the temple in view, Peter and **James** and John and Andrew began to ask him privately. (**Mark 13:3**)
- Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign

when all these things are destined to come to a conclusion?  
([Mark 13:4](#))

- **James** is always mentioned along with his brother John, and in the majority of instances he is mentioned first. This may indicate he was the older of the two.
- Going on also from there he saw two others who were brothers, **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ([Matthew 4:21](#))
- The names of the twelve apostles are these. First, Simon, the one called Peter, and Andrew his brother, and **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother. ([Matthew 10:2](#))
- Six days later Jesus took Peter and **James** and John his brother along and brought them up into a lofty mountain by themselves. ([Matthew 17:1](#))
- And after going a little farther he saw **James** the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in fact, while they were in their boat mending their nets. ([Mark 1:19](#))
- And immediately they went out of the synagogue and went into the home of Simon and Andrew with **James** and John. ([Mark 1:29](#))
- And **James** the son of Zebedee and John the brother of **James**, he also gave these the surname Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder. ([Mark 3:17](#))
- Now he did not let anyone follow along with him except Peter and **James** and John the brother of James. ([Mark 5:37](#))
- Accordingly six days later Jesus took Peter and **James** and John along, and brought them up into a lofty mountain to themselves alone. And he was transfigured before them. ([Mark 9:2](#))
- And **James** and John, the two sons of Zebedee, stepped up to him and said to him; Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever it is we ask you for. ([Mark 10:35](#))
- Well, when the ten others heard about it, they started to be

indignant at **James** and John. (**Mark 10:41**)

- And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives with the temple in view, Peter and **James** and John and Andrew began to ask him privately. (**Mark 13:3**)
- And he took Peter and **James** and John along with him, and he started to be stunned and to be sorely troubled. (**Mark 14:33**)
- And likewise both **James** and John, Zebedee's sons, who were sharers with Simon. But Jesus said to Simon; Stop being afraid. From now on you will be catching men alive. (**Luke 5:10**)
- Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and **James** and John, and Philip and Bartholomew. (**Luke 6:14**)
- When he reached the house he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter and John and **James** and the girl's father and mother. (**Luke 8:51**)
- In actual fact, about eight days after these words, he took Peter and John and **James** along and climbed up into the mountain to pray. (**Luke 9:28**)
- When the disciples **James** and John saw this they said; Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and annihilate them? (**Luke 9:54**)
- So, when they had entered, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were staying, Peter as well as John and **James** and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the zealous one, and Judas the son of James. (**Acts of Apostles 1:13**)
- To **James** and his brother, Jesus gave the surname Boanerges, a Semitic term meaning, **Sons of Thunder**.
- And **James** the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James he also gave these the surname Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder. (**Mark 3:17**)
- This may have been because of the energetic, fiery, and enthusiastic nature of these men. On one occasion, for example, when

certain Samaritans were inhospitable toward Jesus, **James** and John wanted to call down fire from heaven to annihilate them.

- Although reproved by Jesus for suggesting such revenge, this attitude was indicative of their righteous indignation and also of their faith.
- As the days were now coming to the full for him to be taken up, he firmly set his face to go to Jerusalem. (**Luke 9:51**)
- So he sent forth messengers in advance of him. And they went their way and entered into a village of Samaritans, to make preparation for him. (**Luke 9:52**)
- But they did not receive him, because his face was set for going to Jerusalem. (**Luke 9:53**)
- When the disciples **James** and John saw this they said; Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and annihilate them? (**Luke 9:54**)
- But he turned and rebuked them (**Luke 9:55**)
- They also entertained ambitions of having the most prominent positions in the Kingdom, at the right and left hands of Jesus, and they apparently got their mother, possibly Jesus aunt, to request such favors of him. After explaining that such decisions were made by the Father, Jesus took the occasion to point out that, whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave.
- Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons, doing obeisance and asking for something from him. (**Matthew 20:20**)
- He said to her; What do you want? She said to him; Give the word that these my two sons may sit down, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom. (**Matthew 20:21**)
- Jesus said in answer; You men do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink the cup that I am about to drink? They said to him; We can. (**Matthew 20:22**)
- He said to them; You will indeed drink my cup, but this sitting down at my right hand and at my left is not mine to give, but it

belongs to those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.  
(**Matthew 20:23**)

- When the ten others heard of this, they became indignant at the two brothers. (**Matthew 20:24**)
- But Jesus, calling them to him, said; You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them and the great men wield authority over them. (**Matthew 20:25**)
- This is not the way among you, but whoever wants to become great among you must be your minister. (**Matthew 20:26**)
- And whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. (**Matthew 20:27**)
- Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many. (**Matthew 20:28**)
- **James** evidently died in **44 C.E.** Herod Agrippa I had him executed with the sword. He was the first of the 12 apostles to die as a martyr.
- About that particular time Herod the king applied his hands to mistreating some of those of the congregation. (**Acts of Apostles 12:1**)
- He did away with **James** the brother of John by the sword. (**Acts of Apostles 12:2**)
- As he saw it was pleasing to the Jews, he went on to arrest Peter also. As it was, those were days of the unfermented cakes. (**Acts of Apostles 12:3**)