

STRAIGHT TALK WITH BROTHER JAMES

Part 1

James' Desired Outcomes

James 1:1

Today's **DOUBTERS** can become tomorrow's **LEADERS**

James is the (half) brother of **JESUS**

Matthew 13:54-55

James does not believe Jesus is **MESSIAH**

John 7:1-5

James (and family) tried to **DISSUADE** Jesus

Matthew 12:46

James was visited by **RESURRECTED** Jesus

1 Cor. 15:6-7

James became **ALL IN** for Jesus

James 1:1, 2:1, 5:7-8

James became a lead Christian **INFLUENCER**

Acts 12:17-18, 15:13-21, 21:18-19; Galatians 1:18-19, 2:9-10, 12

Theology is important, but its goal is **SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS**

James 1:22

Highest % of **IMPERATIVES** per chapter in the Bible

Often compared to the wisdom of **PROVERBS**

Facing **UNFAMILIAR SITUATIONS** and **UNCOMFORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES**

is not an excuse to stop obeying Jesus

Jewish **CHRISTIANS** chased out of Israel

Acts 8:1, 12:1-3; James 1:3-4

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Life Group Discussion Questions – January 5th, 2025

Luke 1:28-29; *‘James, a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion.’*

DISCOVER

1. Before you became a Christian, what was your attitude regarding Jesus?
2. Looking back at the beginning of your faith journey, how much time past in between when you first heard and understood the good news of salvation in Jesus and when you actually surrendered and asked Him into your heart?
3. Are all of your family members followers of Jesus? If not, what is their current attitude regarding Him?

EXPLORE

1. Read Matthew 13:54-55 What do you imagine it would have been like to grow up as a younger brother or sister of Jesus?
2. Read Luke 7:5. Why do you think Jesus had a hard time convincing his siblings of who He was?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:6-7. How significant is it that when Jesus rose from the dead, He visited his brother James? What does this tell us about Jesus’ love for his lost brother?

EXPERIENCE

1. After James saw the resurrected Jesus, he believed and became a follower. How impactful is it that in James 1:1 (above) that James introduces himself as a ‘servant of the Lord Jesus Christ’?
2. Are there people you desire to come to know Jesus? Who are they? What is their current attitude regarding Jesus?
4. James goes on to become a very influential person for Jesus and the 1st century Christian movement. What does this tell us about never giving up on someone in regards to them coming to know Jesus or being used by Him in significant ways?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for being full of grace and favor. Thank you for never giving up on us, even when we did not fully believe in You or surrender to Your salvation. You loved us and sought after us even before we wanted to follow you. Help us to keep praying for and encouraging those who do not yet know You. We pray in His name. Amen.