

Jesus and His Brothers

John 7:1-10

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John 7

1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

4 "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

8 "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

9 When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

10 But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

The Brothers of Jesus

Matthew 13

54 And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?

55 "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And **His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?**

56 "And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Mark 3

20 Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

Mark 3

30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.

32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

33 But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?"

34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!

35 "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

The Issue of the Doctrine of the Virgin Mary and the Confusion Between James and James

- Until the 4th Century 'brothers' meant brothers – Helvidius held this belief
- The Roman church held to the “Perpetual Virginity” doctrine
- Jerome perpetuated 'brothers' meant cousins
- Epiphanius said 'brothers' were Joseph's children from a previous wife

Luke 1

57 Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

Luke 2

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Matthew 1

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.



Mark 15

40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, **Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses**, and Salome,

41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

Matthew 10

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

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; **James the son of Alphaeus**, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

The Apostles

- Simon ~ **Peter** ~ Cephas
- **Andrew**
- **James** (the son of Zebedee) ~ Boanerges: "The Sons of Thunder"
- **John** (the son of Zebedee) ~ Boanerges: "The Sons of Thunder" ~ The One Whom Jesus Loved
- **Philip**
- **Nathanael** ~ Bartholomew
- **Matthew** ~ Levi, The Tax Collector
- **Thomas**, the twin (Didymus)
- **James**, the Son of Alphaeus ~ James the Less
- **Thaddeus** ~ Lebbeus ~ Judas, the son of James
- **Simon** the Zealot ~ Simon the Canaanite
- **Judas** Iscariot

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5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

Galatians 2

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

James 1

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

Galatians 1

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

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

1 Corinthians 15

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

7 After that **He was seen by James**, then by all the apostles.

James 4

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

Jude 1

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Jude 1

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

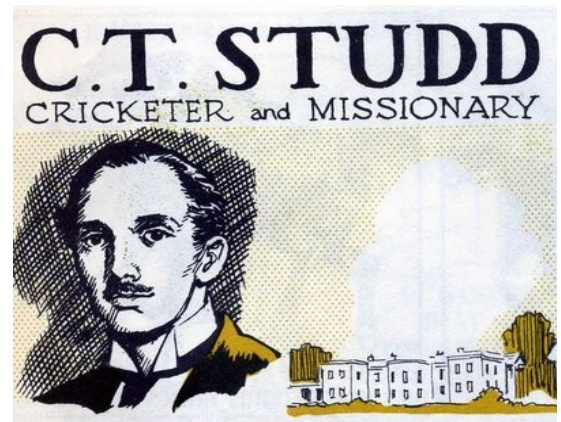
25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

The Testimony of C.T. Studd

John 3

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ died?
- Do you believe he died for you?
- How about the "everlasting life" part?



Missionary to China, India, and Africa



Only one life,
'twil soon be past,
Only what's done
for Christ will last.
~ C. T. Studd



**BEFORE THE WORLD,
AYE, BEFORE THE SLEEPY, LUKEWARM, FAITHLESS,
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