

**James Brother of Jesus:  
Unbelief, Resurrection, & Conversion (Scriptural Passages)**

**James' Unbelief**

- Home Disbelief: “When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were say, ‘He has lost His senses.’” Mark 3:21 (NASB).
- Family Called Him: “Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him.” Mark 3:31.
- Teaching at Nazareth: “‘Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?’” And they took offense at Him.” Mark 6:3.
- Jesus' Response: “Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and **among his own household.**’ And He could do no miracles there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their unbelief.” Mark 6:4-6 (bold added).
- Brothers' Unbelief: “Therefore His brothers said to Him, ‘Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.’ For not even His brothers were believing in Him.” John 7:3-5.
- At the Cross: “When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, ‘Woman, behold your son!’” Then He said to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother!’ From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.” John 19:26-7.

**Resurrection**

- “then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.” 1 Corinthians 15:7.

**Leader of Jerusalem Church**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jerusalem Trip: “Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.” Galatians 1:18-19.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerusalem Trip: “Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also.” Galatians 2:1.
  - “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.” Galatians 2:9.

**James' Martyrdom**

- Death by Stoning. James was stoned to death by order of Ananus (high priest) in AD 62. See, e.g., Sean McDowell, *The Fate of the Apostles*, pp. 120, 133-34 (2008); Karl Armstrong, *Dating Acts in Its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts*, p. 157 n. 2 (2008).