

# SERVE LIKE JAMES

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## I. Background of James

**James 1:1** “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations. Greetings.”

A. Not a \_\_\_\_\_ during the Lord’s life. (John 7:3-10)

## II. Growing up with Jesus and James

A. In some ways \_\_\_\_\_; many ways \_\_\_\_\_ alike. (Mt 13:55, Jd 1)

## III. Jesus rejected by James

- A. Baptized by \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist. (Luke 1:36)
- B. Started recruiting \_\_\_\_\_ disciples. (Mark 1:17)
- C. Claimed to do \_\_\_\_\_. (John 10:32, 14:11)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ controversies. (Luke 4:17-19)
- E. Rejected at \_\_\_\_\_! (Luke 6:2)
- F. Cleansed the \_\_\_\_\_ during Passover. (Luke 19:46)
- G. Claimed to be \_\_\_\_\_! (John 8:48, John 10:30-33)
- H. Capernaum \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 3:20-22, Matthew 12:46-50)

## IV. The conversion of James

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to James. (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)

## V. The transformation of James

A. Became an apostle and “\_\_\_\_\_” in the church.  
(Gal 2:8-12, Gal 1:19, Acts 1:14, Acts 21:18-19, Act 12:17, Acts 15:12)

## VI. You may be like James

A. You need an \_\_\_\_\_ with the resurrected Christ!

**Matthew 13:55** “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t His mother’s name Mary, and aren’t His brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”

**John 7:3-10** “Jesus’ brothers said to Him, ‘You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples may see the miracles You do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world. For even His own brothers did not believe in Him.’”

**Acts 1:14** “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”

**Acts 12:17** “Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. ‘Tell James and the brothers about this,’ he said, and then he left for another place.”

**Acts 15:12-13** “The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. When they finished, James spoke up, ‘Brothers, listen to me . . .’”

**Acts 21:18,19** “The next day Paul and the rest of us [Luke, et al.] went to see James, and all the elders were present. Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.”

**1 Corinthians 15:5-8** “. . . He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.”

**Galatians 1:19** “I [Paul] saw none of the other apostles — only James, the Lord’s brother.”

**Galatians 2:8-10** “For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.”

**Galatians 2:12** “Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.”

**Jude 1** “Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.”