



## THE LITTLE

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**James 1:1a**, *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ...*

★ James was Jesus' younger half-brother; same mother, different Father

**Mark 3:21**, *And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."*

**Mark 6:3-4**, *Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."*

**John 7:2-5**, *Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him.*

★ Jesus was the perfect son and sibling; He never sinned!

★ If anyone could "reason" their way to faith in Jesus, you would think it would be those in his own family, but if Jesus' own siblings were not believing in Him before the resurrection, what does that teach us about faith?

**1 Corinthians 15:7**, *Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.*

## A CHURCH

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**Acts 1:14**, *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

**Galatians 2:9a**, *and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars...*

**Acts 15:12**, *And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.*

**Acts 15:13**, *After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me."*

## A HUMBLE

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**James 1:1**, *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ...*

## THE SPIRITUAL

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**James 1:1**, *... To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.*

## FAITH

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- ★ **PAUL**: salvation is through Faith alone – apart from works
- ★ **JAMES**: salvation is through Faith alone – confirmed by works
  
- ★ **PAUL**: approaches faith objectively: how a believer is justified before God
- ★ **JAMES**: approaches faith subjectively: how we experience real faith in our lives
  
- ★ **Genuine faith** that has the power to save you also changes the way you live
- ★ **OR**: if it doesn't change you it can't save you

**Ephesians 2:8-10**, *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*