

# Greatest Stories Never Told



## Lesson 4: James (May 18, 2014)

### The life of James, the brother of Jesus

He was the oldest, after Jesus, of four brothers and multiple sisters (*Matthew 13:53-57*)  
He was visited by Jesus after His Resurrection (*1Corinthians 15:7*)  
He was in the upper room on the day of Pentecost (*Acts 1:14*)  
He was married (*1Corinthians 9:5*)  
He was the Apostle over the church in Jerusalem (*Acts 12:16-17, 15:12-21, Acts 21:17-20, Galatians 1:18-19*)  
He wrote the book of James  
He was martyred

Most people start life as an original and end up a copy

God will reward us according to what we did with what we had

**Luke 8:19** Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. **20** Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." **21** He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and **put it into practice.**" *New International Version*

**James 2:14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, **faith by**

**itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. *New International Version***

***James 2:18*** But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by my deeds.** *New International Version*

***James 1:22*** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. *New International Version*

It's about effort not results

***Galatians 6:4*** Let everyone be sure to **do his very best,** for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work done well and **won't need to compare himself with someone else.** *Living Bible*

**Parable of the talents** (*Matthew 25:14-30*)

"Comparison is the thief of joy" ***Theodore Roosevelt***

"Comparison kills contentment" ***Author Unknown***