

PROFILE of JAMES

A half brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

An unbeliever in the days of Jesus' earthly ministry (John 7:3-5)

Converted to Christ probably when Christ appeared to him in His risen form (1 Corinthians 15:7)

A humble servant of Jesus Christ (James 1:1)

Referred to by Paul as "the Lord's brother" (Galatians 1:19) and a pillar in the Jerusalem church (2:9)

Leader in the Jerusalem church (Acts 12:17, 21:18-26)

Presided over the council meeting at Jerusalem (Acts 15:13-22)

An apostle (Galatians 1:19)

Author of the Epistle of James (James 1:1)

Church historians report that his knees were hard like a camel's knees because of constant kneeling in prayer. He died as a martyr, stoned by order of Ananus, the high priest, c. A.D. 62 or 63.