

**Series: Teaming Up With Christ (4/8/18)**

**Title: James and Jude**

**Text: (1 Cor 3:9)** *For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

The Gospel has 3 pairs of Disciples with the same names.

Simon Peter	Vs Simon Zelotes
James of Boanerges	Vs James of Alphaeus
Judas Iscariot	Vs Jude of James

In each pair 1 of the individuals were prominent, the other obscure.

Of the the Obscure, Simon Zelotes, Jude of James, and James of Alphaeus, not much is known about them, Except that we are SURE they made the list.

Jesus had 3 half brothers names James, Simon, Jude. These are NOT the Brothers of Jesus of Nazareth. Writers of the books of James & Jude respectfully.

James, Jude, & Simon Zelotes are always mentioned at the back of the list of the Apstoles.

**I. JAMES, SON OF ALPHAEUS**

Known as James the Less, to distinguish him from James the Greater, son of Zebedee, (Mark 15:40) *There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;*

More likely b/c of his small stature than his relative importance.

(Mark 2:14) Matthew and James had a father with the same name Alphaeus.

There is no indication they had the same dad or were even related.

Mostly he is mentioned with his mother Mary. James had a devout mother who earnestly followed Christ.

**Mary was at the Crucifixion:** (Matt 27:55-56)

Mary ministered to Jesus: (Mark 15:41)

Mary Ministered in the day to day menial tasks of... (Luke 8:3) *which ministered unto him of their substance.* - preparing food, washing clothes, etc.

Mary was more interested in serving than being in the spotlight.

Christ was a controversial figure of his day.

He drew great crowds, but did not desire the spotlight.

**She is always mentioned with these women who followed Jesus.**

(Matt 27:55-56) *And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. 57*

She set a good example to James. (1 Cor 2:1-5)

**Mary was as the Empty Tomb:** (Matt 28:1) *In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.*

(Mark 16:1) *And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.*

**She Came Early:** (Matt 28:1) *as it began to dawn*

**She Came Prepared:** (Mark 16:1) *had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.*

She was an Excellent Example to her son the Disciple  
The Importance of this cannot be Overstated:

Timothy had the Influence of a Godly Mother and Grandmother: (2 Tim 1:5) *When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*

If you have a Mother that loves the Lord, consider yourself blessed above your equal.

James left Israel and preached the Gosel in Egypt where he died a martyr.

**II. JUDE OF JAMES, ALSO THADDAEUS**

Jude also gets confused with Jude, one of the brother of Jesus.

The most distinguishing mark of Jude is the lack of mention of him in the gospels.

***Jude served whether he was recognized or not.***

This is an excellent example to us to check our motives.

Who do we serve?

Why do we serve? or Why DON'T we serve?

God takes Notice, whether anyone else does or not.

We are to be faithful whether anyone notices or not.

The fact that Jude of James made the list at all is proof that no one is Obscure to God.

**We will be rewarded for our service:** (2 Cor 5:10)

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

**His Names:**

Judas, the brother of James: (Lk 6:16; Mark 3:18)

Thaddaeus: (Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18)

Lebbaeus: (Matt 10:3)

Judas, Not Iscariot: (John 14:22)

Like James of Alphaeus, Jude was always mentioned in the last group with the other Obscure disciples.

Of the 3 obscure disciples, Judas brother of James, is the only one to have anything he said documented in the gospels. (John 14:22)

**He was obviously listening & paying attention:**

**Look at the Setting:**

(John 14:19-21) *Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

**Jesus the Messiah.**

The Messianic Prophecies about Him talk of him creating a World Wide Kingdom:

*(Is 9:7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

*(Dan 7:14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

***Judas was expecting this to happen in the coming days!***

*(John 14:22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?*

How could the Messianic Kingdom be established and the Whole World Not Know?

***Christ was talking about Spiritual Illumination, not Physical knowledge.***

(John 14:23-24) *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

***God opens the eyes of the Faithful, not Faithless***  
(1 Cor 2:14) *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

***Those who Honor Christ with Love and Devotion, will be rewarded with Spiritual Illumination about Himself and His Will.***

(John 1:51) *And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*

***Both are Commissioned By Christ:***

***The Regional Commission:***

When Jesus sent the disciples out 2x2, James and Jude were paired as a ministry team.

(Matt 20:3-5) *James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying,*

*Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:*

***The Great Commission:***

(Matt 28:19-20) (Acts 1:8)

Judas of James preached in Assyria (eastern Iraq) and then teamed up with with Simon the Zealot and being killed right alongside with him in Persia.

Are you content to Serve God, if no one else knows your name but Him?

Are you content to Serve God, If no one sees but Him?

(Matt 6:1-6) *Reward thee openly.*