

They Had Been With Jesus – James, Son of Alphaeus –

Luke – The Acts of Jesus

Luke 6:15c

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James the Less Lineage Questions

Mk 15:40, 47

- “...Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.”
- “Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.”
- Could it be that James & Levi were cousins of Jesus?

Jn 19:25; Mk 2:14

- “...His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”
 - Clopas – it could be that by the time this record was written, that Alphaeus had died and Mary had married again to a man named Clopas.
- “...Levi the son of Alphaeus”
 - James & Levi – brothers(?)

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- Importance of Lineage?
 - Where they came from and to whom they were related is of interest but not great importance.

He followed When Jesus Called

- That James followed Jesus is the main issue.
 - He left all to follow Jesus. Lk 18:28
 - He had been sent out by Jesus with authority to minister. Lk 9:1*f*.
 - They failed to cast out at least one demon. 9:40
 - He stuck with Jesus when many left. Jn 6:67*f.*, 70
- His name is included as part of the foundation of the Church. Ep 2:20; Rev 21:14

His Life Ministry?

- He took the Gospel to Syria and Persia (Iran).
- He would have performed the signs of a “true apostle” as noted by Paul. 2 Co 12:12
- He appears to have been martyred by:
 - Stoning, or
 - Being beaten to death, or
 - Crucifixion

What is Most Amazing of All?

- James the Less, lit. μικρός, micros.
 - Little, least, small, less; in stature, birth, of space or time or quantity; also less in rank or influence.
- But Jesus chose him to bear fruit that would last.
Jn 13:18; 16:15; Mt 16:18
- His discipleship was so unremarkable as to be nearly unnoticed in the Scriptures, and yet, he who was faithful with little, was also apparently faithful with much. Hence, his reward in heaven.
Rev 21:14