

James the Son of Zebedee



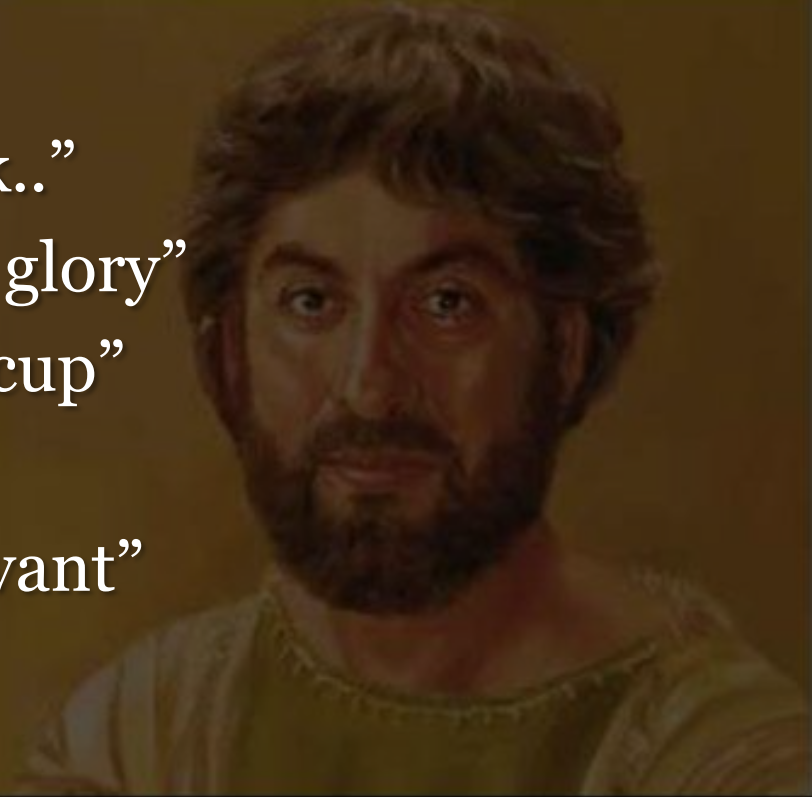
Mark 10:35-45

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- The background of the slide is a photograph of a dense evergreen forest. A thick layer of white mist or fog hangs between the trees, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The trees are dark green and silhouetted against the lighter mist. In the upper right, a ridge of trees is visible above the mist. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.
- **Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life will preserve it.**

- Luke 17:33

Bold Request..

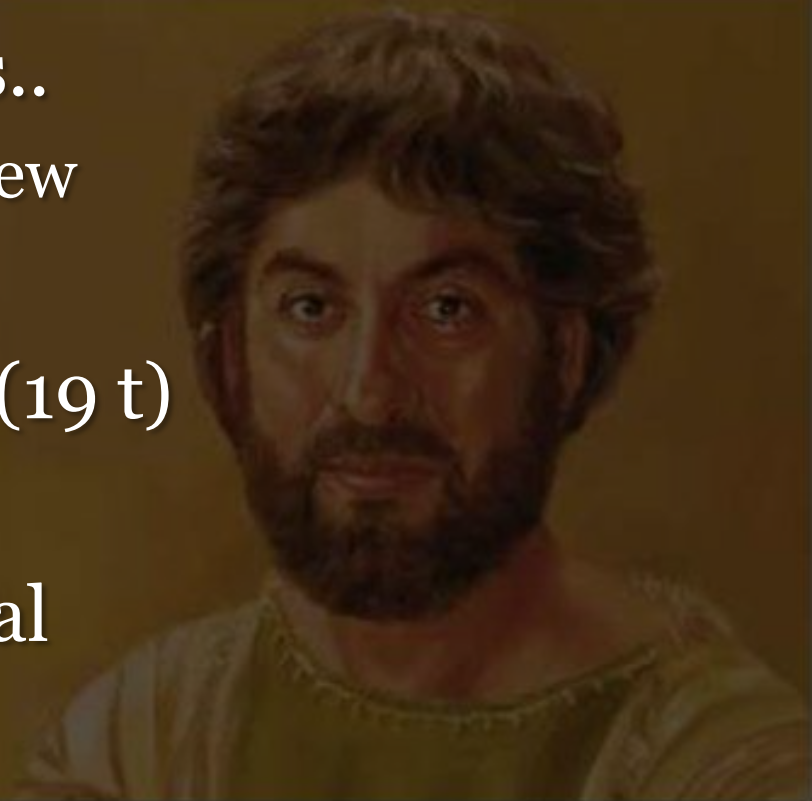
- Mark 10:35-45..
 - “Do for us whatever we ask..”
 - “Right hand or left in your glory”
 - “Are you able to drink the cup”
 - “Not mine to give”
 - “Greatest among you.. Servant”



Did James and John get their wish?

Study of James..

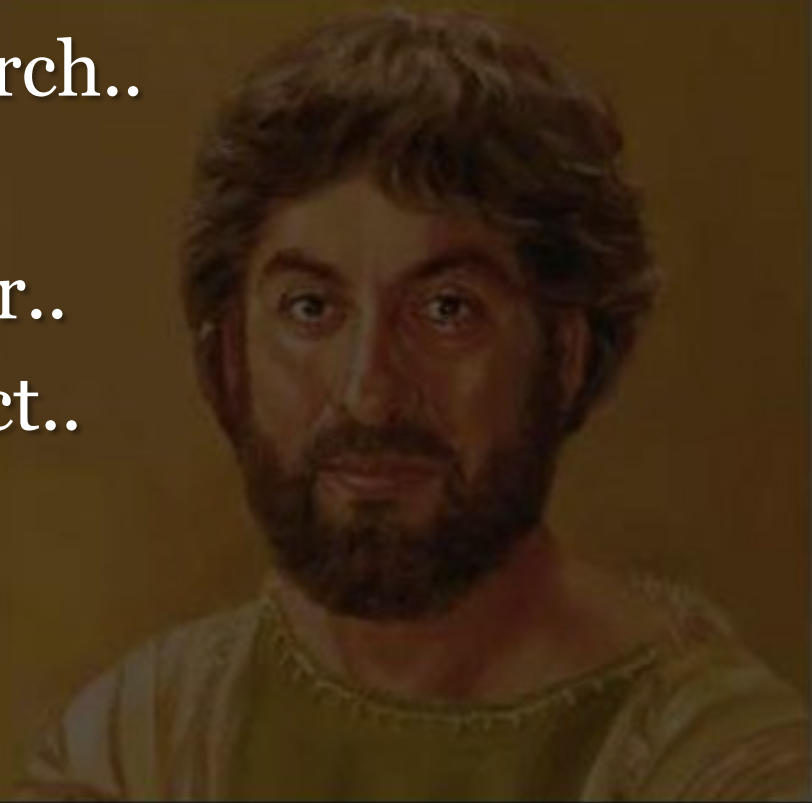
- His place in list of apostles..
 - Peter, James, John, Andrew
- One of inner circle..
- Always named with John (19 t)
- Older brother... a leader
- Never reached full potential



First apostle after Jesus to die..

Acts 12:1-2.. Death of James

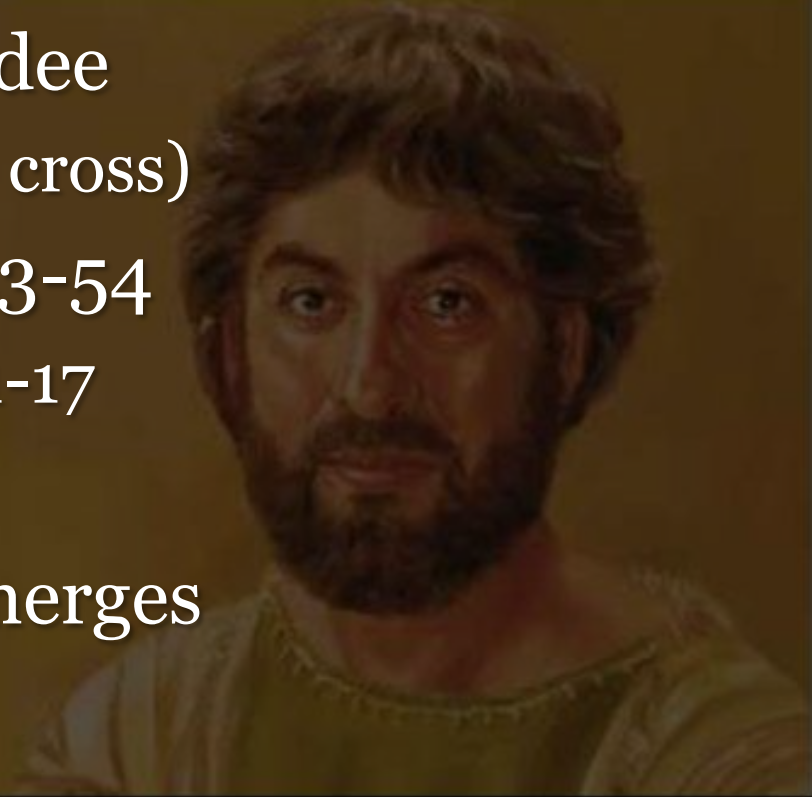
- Herod seeks to harass church..
- Killed James with sword..
- Pleased Jews.. Seized Peter..
- Herod chose for most effect..



May be most underrated.. Unsung hero

What was James like?

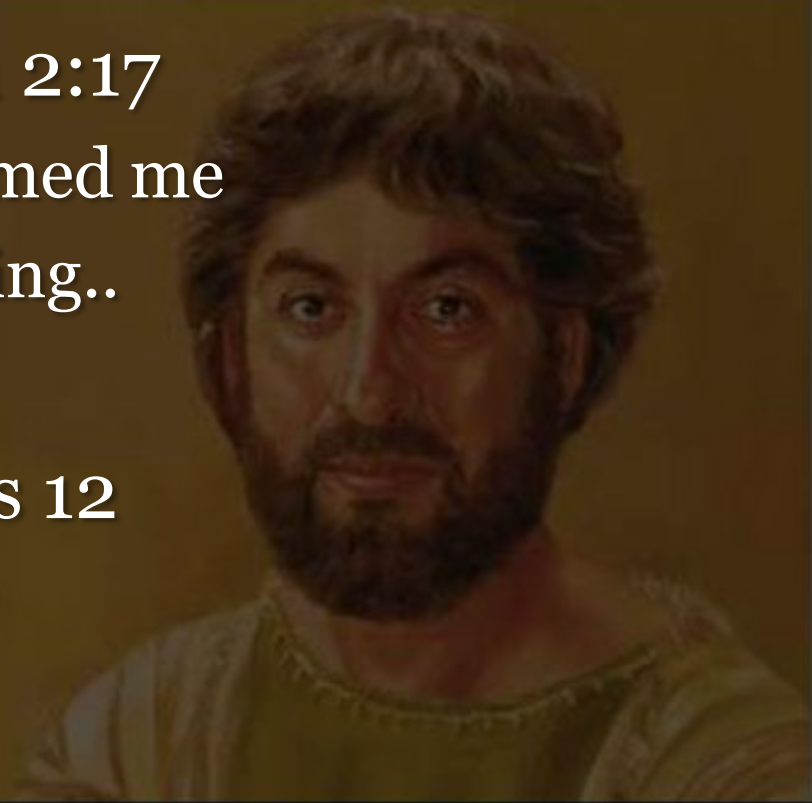
- From a good family.. Zebedee
 - His mother Salome (at the cross)
- His personality .. Luke 9:53-54
 - Style of Elijah? 2 Kings 1:1-17
- Rebuke of Jesus vs 55
- Nickname Mark 3:17 Boanerges



Fiery reputation ready to defend Jesus

1 Zealous for the Lord..

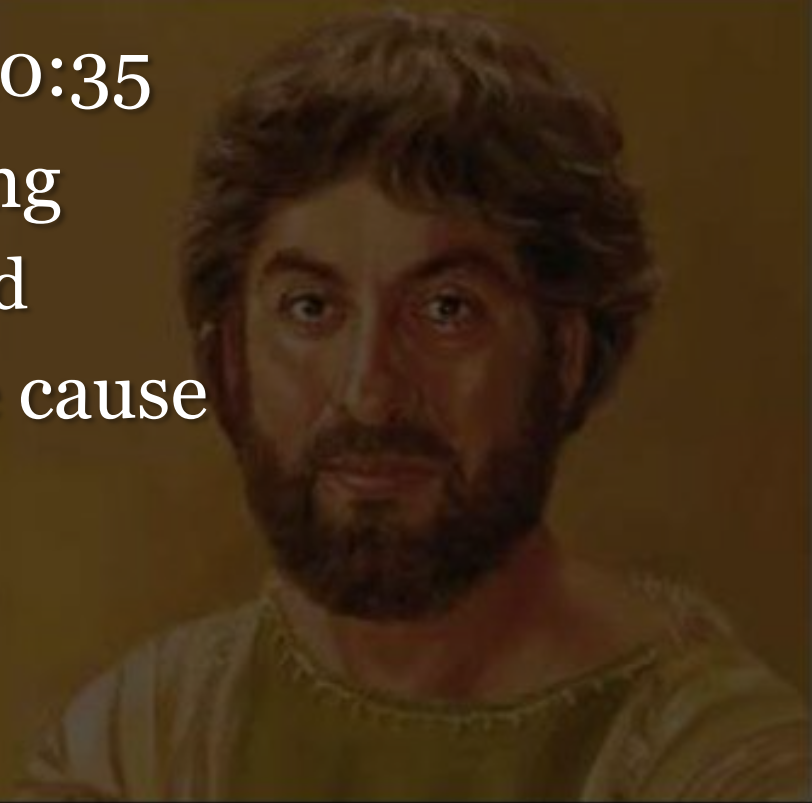
- Witnessed in Jesus .. John 2:17
 - Zeal for Your house consumed me
 - Disciples remembered saying..
- James on fire for the Lord
- A Fitting epitaph after Acts 12



True of James as was true of His Lord

2 Ambitious..

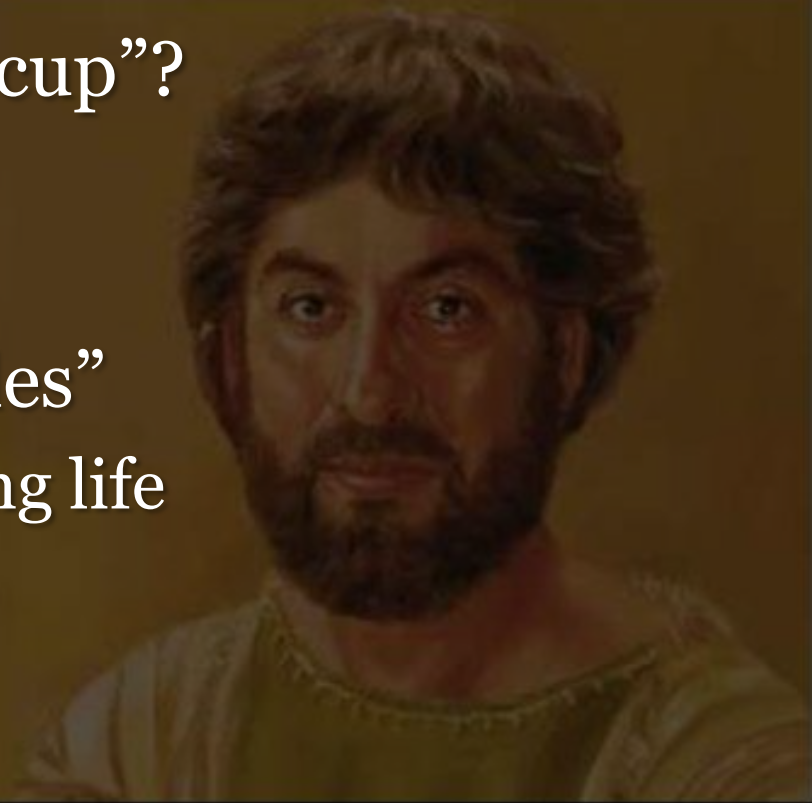
- Seen in his request Mark 10:35
- Ambition can be a bad thing
 - Driven by power, corrupted
- Can also be good for noble cause
 - Driven by determination



James was ambitious in good sense

3 Ready to serve, ready to die..

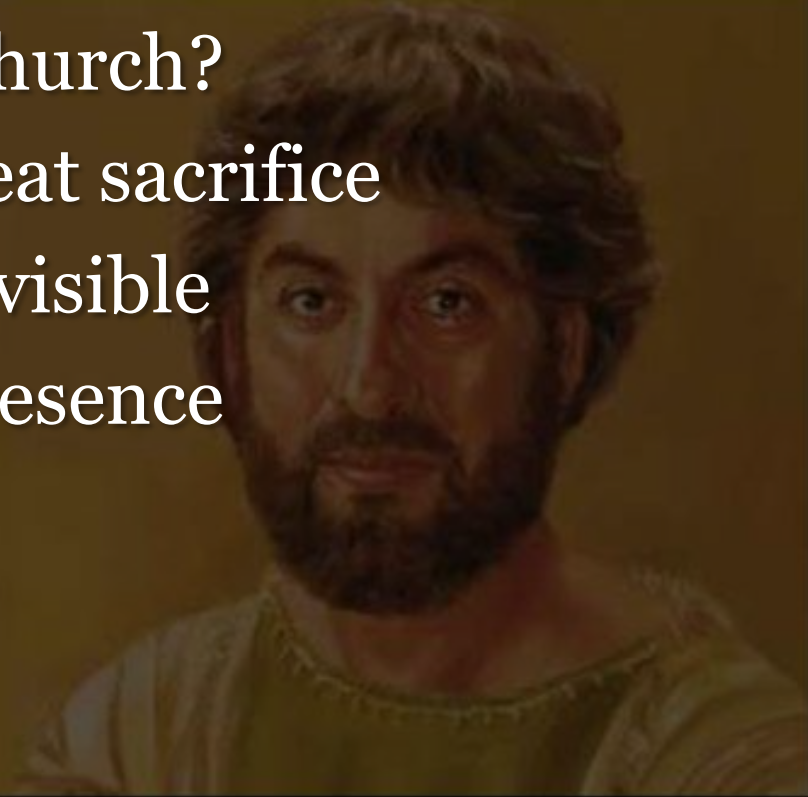
- “Are you able to drink the cup”?
 - Yes, we are able
 - You shall drink the cup
- “We are not like the Gentiles”
 - We are about serving, giving life



James answered the call.. Laid down his life

What we learn..

- Greatest servant in early church?
- Following Jesus means great sacrifice
- Greatest may not be most visible
- Impact of strong steady presence



Herod knew how vital he was..

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