



Sermon Outline
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James:
Half-brother who
becomes a devoted
follower of Christ

*** Imagine having the Savior of the world**
as a _____.

Matthew 13:55-56a - Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us?

*** Jesus would have _____**
His siblings in every category.

1. He had to have been uniquely _____ by
Mary and Joseph.

Luke 1:30-32a - But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

2. He would have been without _____ in
intellect and wisdom.

Luke 2:46-47 - After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

3. His extraordinary and consistent _____
character could have made him a little unnerving to
be around.

Hebrews 4:15 - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

*** Jesus being God in the _____ was a bit**
of a challenge for His family to believe.

Mark 6:3b-4 - And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."

John 7:5 - For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Mark 3:21 - When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

*** But somehow, Jesus was able to _____**
His own family He was God.

Acts 1:14 - They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and **with his brothers.**

*** What could transform James from a sarcastic**
_____ into sincere supporter?

Acts 15:13 - When they finished, **James** spoke up. "Brothers," he said, "listen to me."

1. The _____.

1 Corinthians 15:7 - Then he appeared to **James**, then to all the apostles.

*If a man can predict his own death and resurrection, and pull it off, I just go with whatever that man says. - **Andy Stanley***

2. The persuasive power of Jesus' perfect _____.

1 Peter 2:22 - "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

2 Corinthians 5:21 - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*** James became willing to _____**
for what he believed about Jesus.

** If you have family members who do not believe in Jesus, you're in good company. _____.*