

2 MEN NAMED JAMES IN ACTS: APOSTLE & WRITER

① The Apostle James (Ac.12)

② James writer of the Epistle

James the half-brother of Jesus (Mt.13:55; Mk.6:3).



James was given a special resurrection visit by the Lord (1Co.15:7).

This likely brought him to the Lord as a believer.

34AD

Stephen Martyred

44AD


Apostle James Martyred

45-50AD

Epistle of James Written
 First NT book written

51AD

Epistle of Galatians Written
 First book written by Paul

62AD

James Martyred
 (Writer of James)

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Ac.1-2 (32AD)

Ac.7 (34AD)

Ac.12 (AD44)

Ac.15 (AD52)

James did not believe in Jesus, and was actually hostile toward Him (Mk.3:21,31-35; Mt.12:46-50; Jn.7:3-9).

We see James with the believers in the Upper Room (Ac.1:14).

In the book of Acts we notice an incredible change in the life of James (Ga.1:19).

James becomes a prominent leader in the church in Jerusalem (Ac.12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Ga.2:12).

Stephen is the first recorded Christian to be martyred.

Peter moves off the scene as leader in Jerusalem, and James takes his place.

Peter sent word to James of his escape from prison (Ac.12:17).

Herod Agrippa I Persecution upon the church. The James martyred in Acts 12:2 is the brother of the apostle John. He is the first apostle recorded to be martyred.

The James who wrote the epistle is not the apostle James referred to in Acts 12.

Notice there is no effort to replace James as they did for Judas.

James identifies himself as a servant of God (Jm.1:1; Jd.1:1).

52AD

Jerusalem Council Led by James

James directed the Jerusalem conference, and handed down the decision (Ac.15).