

A post-resurrection appearance to James led to his

(23) _____.

I Corinthians 15:3-7—“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.”

IN FACT – All of Jesus’ brothers become (24) _____ after the Resurrection!

Acts 1:12-14—“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, ¹⁵ with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”

WATCH THIS: The book of James gives us an (25) _____ look into the mind of a persecuting skeptic:

- The book of James was the (26) _____ book written in the New Testament.
- The book of James has multiple allusions to the (27) _____.

Additional Notes: _____



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How to suffer rejection
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Message #9 in the series, "Your Miracle in
the Mirror of Mark"**

Bible TEXT: Mar k 6:1-6; 14-29

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⁴ But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” ⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.”

“The Facts about Enduring Persecution for your Faith”

Fact #1: How the Ministry of Jesus was Persecuted by his Family.

Persecution 1: (1) _____

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NOTICE: It was the power and (2) _____ of Jesus’ ministry that amazed the people – not simply the fact that he was ministering.

Where did he get...

- (3) _____.
- (4) _____.

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There are two “subtle” remarks about Jesus that were said to

(5) _____ him:

- “Is this not the (6) _____?”
- “Is this not the Son of (7) _____?”

John 8: 19a; 41a—“Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication...”

His brothers and sisters were clearly with Jesus, and evidently they were of a (8) _____ spiritual caliber than him.

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Jesus ministry was hindered, but not completely

(9) _____.

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Persecution 2: (10) _____

Mark 3:20-21—“Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.²¹ But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.”

This event happened soon after Jesus chose his (11) _____.

When his family saw his (12) _____ to his ministry they thought he had lost his mind!

Persecution 3: (13) _____

John 7:1-5—“¹After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.² But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, ³Jesus’ brothers said to him, “You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do.⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.”⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.”

This statement by Jesus’ brothers came soon (14) _____ of the feeding of the 5,000.

Clearly, Jesus’ brothers considered his ministry a (15) _____ to become famous.

Fact #2: How to Endure Persecution for Christ:

1. Stay close to (16) _____ Christians.

Luke 8:19-21—“Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd.²⁰ And it was told Him by some, who said, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.”

²¹ But He answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”

2. Do not waste time (17) _____ with skeptics.

3. Keep Moving (18) _____ Spiritually.

4. Be Consistent – Your greatest skeptics are

(19) _____.

Fact #3: Gracefully Facing Persecution with Consistent Faith Converts Our Skeptics.

The life of the persecutors shows to us their keen (20) _____ in the ministry of those they persecuted.

Persecutor #1: (21) _____

Mark 6:14-18—“ Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

¹⁵ Others said, “It is Elijah.”

And others said, “It is the Prophet, or^{1a)} like one of the prophets.”

¹⁶ But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!”¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her.¹⁸ Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

¹⁹ Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.²² And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.”²³ He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

²⁴ So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?”

And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!”

²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.”

Persecutor #2: (22) _____