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**The Intervention**

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*Easter at Rocky Peak*

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*James: His Life & Journey*

* + *James: The Younger Brother*

When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. (Mark 6:2-3)

* + *James: The Early Skeptic*

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” . . . Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. (Mark 3:20-21, 31)

* + *James: The Later Skeptic*

When the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” For even his own brothers did not believe in him. (John 7:2-5)

* + *James: The New Believer*

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew. . . They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. (Acts 1:12-14)

* + *James: The Rising Leader*

Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles–only James, the Lord’s brother. (Galatians 1:18-19)

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. . . (James 2:1)

* + *James: The Martyr*

**James' Journey**

*What Happened?*

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved. . . For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James. . . (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

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*The Key Question*

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*Evidence For The Historical Jesus* (Gary R. Habermas), *The Historical Jesus* (Gary R. Habermas), *The Case for Christ* (Lee Strobel), *More Than A Carpenter* (Josh McDowell)

Each naturalistic theory is beset by many major objections that invalidate it as a viable hypothesis.

(Gary R. Habermas, *The Historical Jesus*)