

THE SENDING

JOHN 20:21

JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JESUS

Introduction:

- Being a follower of Jesus isn't always easy. But perhaps the most difficult part of being a Christian is watching those we love stray from the faith or reject it all together.
- Jesus' brother, James, was almost such a casualty. He wasn't always the great man of faith and prayer he came to be known for. His life story can give every parent hope.

The Growing Up and Early Adult Years: _____

- **Matthew 13:55-57** Jesus had other _____.
- **Mark 3:20-21** His brothers thought Jesus was _____.
- **John 7:1-10** They _____.

Lesson:

The Mid-Adult Years: _____

- **Acts 1:14** James is participating in the _____.
- **Acts 12:17** James is _____ in the church at Jerusalem.
- **I Corinthians 15:7** Jesus appeared to James _____.

Lesson:

Epilogue: _____

- **James 1:1** James considered himself a _____ to Jesus.
- **James 5:16**

*In this verse, James puts the focus not on having effective prayer but on being a righteous man. His point seems to be, "if you become righteous, your prayers **will** be effective." Often we try to become godly by praying more, rather than realizing that doing this in this fashion is like trying to put the "cart before the horse". Our prayer life will never go any further than our walk with God. The more godly we become the more effective our prayers will be.*

Life Principles from NT Men of Faith, p. 85

Lesson: We must _____ for our children!