



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

- ▶ **WEDNESDAY**
THF Students - Summer Nights
7:00pm-9:00pm ~ Pool Party at Melonie Park Pool
- ▶ **THURSDAY**
THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship
6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

- ▶ **AUGUST 11**
THF Family Swim Night at TTU Leisure Pool
- ▶ **AUGUST 11**
Promotion Sunday-THF Kids move to their new classes to start the School Year

July 28, 2024

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

July 21, 2024

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$16,972.59
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$18,919.00

YEAR TO DATE

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$579,901.57
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$545,949.00



DAYS OF THUNDER

James...is the most tantalizingly vague figure among the twelve.
- William Barclay

Personal Data:

Name: JAMES, SON OF ZEBEDEE

Hometown: UNKNOWN

Vocation: FISHERMAN *Mark 1:19; Luke 5:10*

Known Addresses: CAPERNAUM, Galilee *Mark 1:21,29*

Family: Son of ZEBEDEE

Other Family: MOM-SALOME; BRO-JOHN

Known Aliases:

JAMES THE GREATER; BOANERGES

And He appointed the twelve...James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder")...
Mark 3:16-17



Personal Notes: LEAST KNOWN OF THE INNER CIRCLE

- *Matthew 4:18-22* - He was among the FIRST CALLED by Jesus
- *Matthew 17:1-3* - He got to see Jesus with HIS SKIN OFF!
- *Mark 5:35-ff* - He got to see a RESURRECTION few others did
- *Matthew 26:37-38* - Was CLOSEST to Jesus as he prayed in Gethsemane
- James and John *may have been* RELATED to Jesus

THE 'MYSTERIOUS' THIRD WOMAN AT THE CROSS

Matt 27:55-56 - MARY MAGDALENE, MARY OF JAMES/JOSEPH, MRS ZEBEDEE

Mark 15:40 - MARY MAGDALENE, MARY OF JAMES/JOSES, SALOME

John 19:25 - JESUS' MOTHER; HIS MOTHER'S SISTER; MARY MAGDALENE

In *Matthew 13:55*, Mary, Jesus' mom, is noted to have other sons:

JAMES, JOSEPH, SIMON, AND JUDAS

It would indicate that *Salome/Mary-Wife of Clopas/Mother of the Sons of Zebedee* are all the SAME person, and

JESUS' AUNT

Something About James...

- James never appears **APART** from John in the NT
- James is listed FIRST 16 of 19 times in the NT
- John is commonly referenced as **JAMES' BROTHER**

All these are indicators that James was probably the ELDEST of the two brothers...and probably the leader.

✓ He was a THUNDROUS character *Mark 3:17*

Jesus gave James and John a special nickname: **BOANERGES**

It comes from an Aramaic word meaning SONS OF TUMULT/COMMOTION

Signs of Boanerges

<i>Zealous</i>	<i>Intense</i>	<i>Passionate</i>
<i>Task Oriented</i>	<i>Strong</i>	<i>Intolerant</i>

Luke 9:51-56 cf 2 Kings 1:1-18

- The Samaritans were a theologically COMPROMISED people
- The Samaritans were Jew-**HATERS**
- Jesus' presence was a message that God's love is for ALL PEOPLE
- James' mindset was especially **JEWISH** and **WORLDLY**

✓ He was an AMBITIOUS person *Matthew 20:20-28*

There are two versions - **Mark** (*10:35-ff*) says James and John approached - **Matthew** tells us that the *Bros. Zebedee* got their MOM to approach Jesus

This was effective because Salome was an ACTIVE MINISTRY SUPPORTER (*Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40-41*) and possibly also **FAMILY**

James and John were openly **AMBITIOUS**, as compared to the other 10!

This created tremendous CHAOS in the ranks - *Matthew 20:24*

Lessons From James

1. God's disciples have to learn how to REDIRECT their ambition
2. God's greatest have to learn to LOVE THEIR ENEMIES
3. God uses people with great passion and zeal, but THEY TEND TO BURN HOT AND FAST

James was the FIRST of all the apostles to be martyred
Acts 12:1-2

There is an 2nd century tradition from Clement of Alexandria that claims the guard who led James to his execution was so impressed by his demeanor and testimony that he claimed Jesus as his own Savior on the spot and was beheaded alongside James.