

A scroll of aged parchment with a slightly textured surface and irregular, torn edges. The scroll is unrolled, showing a central area with text. The text is written in a black, serif font. The top and bottom edges of the scroll are rolled up, showing the thickness of the paper.

Lesson 1

The Three James'

Introduction

The name “James” appears frequently in the gospel narratives. There are three separate James’ mentioned amidst the early church in Jerusalem: James the greater; James the less; and James the righteous. Correct interpretation of which James is being mentioned is vital.

The Three Jameses' Overview

- I. James the Greater
- II. James the Less
- III. James the Righteous

I. James the Greater

A. James' Family

1. Father: Zebedee
2. Mother: Salome
3. His Younger Brother: Apostle John

I. James the Greater

A. Character of John the greater

1. His name: James
2. His Occupation: Fisherman from Galilee
3. His Personality: Boisterous

II. James The Less

A. Family Identifiers

1. Son of Alphaeus

B. Three brothers

1. Matthew
2. Joses
3. Simeon

III. James the Righteous

A. Family Identifiers

1. The Son of Joseph and Mary

B. Important Milestones

1. Author: Book of James
2. First Bishop of Jerusalem
3. Leader of Jewish Wing Christianity
4. Death of a Martyr