

Who is James?

1. Mk 1:19 - James & John (brothers) - sons of Zebedee - apostles - fishermen
 - Acts 12:2 - James was put to death by sword
2. Mk 3:18 - James the son of Alphaeus - James the Less
3. Lk 6:16 - James the father of Judas
4. Gal 1:19 - James the Lord's brother
 - I Cor 15:3-7 - Jesus specifically appeared to him

Written in about 48-49 AD - after James #1 was killed

James the Lord's brother is most likely the author

- grew up in a devoutly Jewish home
- Mt 13:55-56
- James was a skeptic - Jn 7:1-10 - he doesn't believe that Jesus is who He claims to be
- Acts 12:17; 15:13 - James as the head of the church and making decisions on behalf of the church