

# James

## True or False?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. Between James and John, James was the older         | T | F |
| 2. James was present at the Transfiguration            | T | F |
| 3. James is the believed author of the NT book "James" | T | F |
| 4. James may have been from an important family        | T | F |

## First, let's talk about Samaria

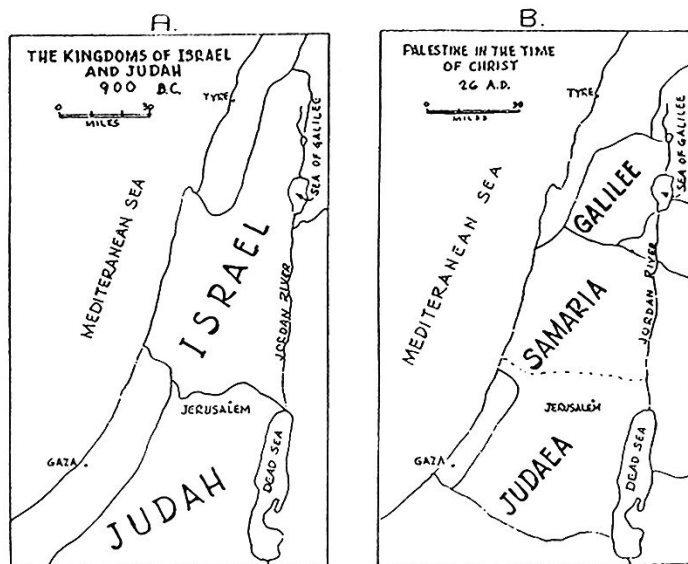
After the death of Solomon (931 BC), Israel was split into 2 kingdoms: Israel in the North and Judah in the South.

In 726-722 BC, the Assyrian Empire conquered the Kingdom of Israel.

Much of the population was removed from the land and into slavery.

But not all of the Jewish people were removed.

Those who remained intermarried with the pagans and foreigners who were moved into the area by the Assyrian king.



The result was a mixed race of people living in the land once known as Israel.

Their religion became a mixture of Jewish and pagan, using the Pentateuch, but establishing their own priesthood, temple, holy sites, etc.

Jewish people considered the Samaritans as a mongrel race and did not recognize their religious practices.

By the time of Jesus, Jewish people who had to travel between Galilee and Judea (Jerusalem) went out of their way to avoid going into Samaria. Each side hated the other.

Despite this, on his last trip to Jerusalem, Jesus took the shortest route... right through Samaria.

The result: Luke 9:51-55 (p. 1611)

- The backstory: 2 Kings 1 (p. 569)
- Elijah vs. purpose of Jesus' mission
- What might have James learned from this episode?

Jesus gave James and John the name "Boanerges" or "Sons of Thunder"  
James believed to be passionate and fiery personality

James was part of the inner circle of 3 disciples (among first called)

It is believed his father (Zebedee) was a man of means and position

- Mother's name was Salome
- Salome was at the center of one controversy (Matthew 20:20-24 p. 1530)

The cup that James would drink...

- Acts 12:1-3 (p. 1712) around 44 AD
- Believed location of death now Armenian Apostolic Cathedral of St. James in the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem (Head under the altar?)
- Not the same Herod as condemned Jesus, it was his son
- Herod dies shortly afterward (Acts 12:19b-23)

Did James venture away from area?

- Later tradition said he went to Spain (patron saint of the country)
- Legend says his body is buried in Spain
- Any truth to this?