

James 1:1 (CSB)

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ: To the twelve tribes dispersed abroad. Greetings."

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 (CSB)

²⁰ Jesus entered a house, and the crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard this, they set out to restrain him, because they said, "He's out of his mind." ³¹ His mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they sent word to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him and told him, "Look, your mother, your brothers, and your sisters are outside asking for you."

³³ He replied to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"
³⁴ Looking at those sitting in a circle around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Luke 1:38 (CSB)

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

Luke 2:7 (CSB)

"Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

Galatians 1:19 (CSB)

"But I didn't see any of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother."

Mark 6:3 (CSB)

"Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?"

John 7:2-5 (CSB)

²The Jewish Festival of Shelters was near. ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so your disciples can see your works that you are doing. ⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he's seeking public recognition. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."

⁵ (For not even his brothers believed in him.)

1 Corinthians 15:1-7 (CSB)

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep.

⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.

~ Timothy Keller The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism