

James the Apostle Quiz

10 King James Version trivia questions • Difficulty: Medium

Ten KJV questions on James the apostle — one of the inner three, son of thunder, and first martyr among the Twelve.

Questions

Q1. Who was the father of James the apostle?

- A. Alphaeus
- B. Zebedee
- C. Jonas
- D. Cleopas

Q2. What was James doing when Jesus called him?

- A. Sitting at receipt of custom
- B. Mending nets with his father
- C. Plowing
- D. Fishing alone

Q3. Who was James' apostle brother?

- A. Andrew
- B. John
- C. Peter
- D. Philip

Q4. What name did Jesus give the two brothers?

- A. Cephas
- B. Boanerges — sons of thunder
- C. Sons of consolation
- D. The beloved

Q5. On which mountain did James witness the Transfiguration?

- A. Sinai
- B. A high mountain (Mt. of Transfiguration)
- C. Carmel
- D. Olives

Q6. Which three were with Jesus in Gethsemane?

- A. All the twelve
- B. Peter, James, and John
- C. James, John, and Andrew
- D. Peter, Andrew, and John

Q7. What fire did James and John want to call down on a Samaritan village?

- A. Lightning
- B. Fire from heaven
- C. Brimstone
- D. Plague

Q8. What did James and John (through their mother) request?

- A. Seats on Jesus' right and left in His kingdom
- B. To be sent out first
- C. To do greater miracles
- D. To rule Galilee

Q9. Which king killed James the apostle with the sword?

- A. Herod the Great
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Herod Agrippa I
- D. Herod Agrippa II

Q10. What unique distinction does James the apostle hold?

- A. First gospel writer
- B. First of the Twelve to be martyred
- C. First bishop of Jerusalem
- D. Wrote Revelation

Answer Key & Explanations

Q1. Who was the father of James the apostle?

Answer: B. Zebedee

James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. (Matthew 4:21, KJV)

Q2. What was James doing when Jesus called him?

Answer: B. Mending nets with his father

In a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. (Matthew 4:21, KJV)

Q3. Who was James' apostle brother?

Answer: B. John

James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. (Matthew 4:21, KJV)

Q4. What name did Jesus give the two brothers?

Answer: B. Boanerges — sons of thunder

He surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder. (Mark 3:17, KJV)

Q5. On which mountain did James witness the Transfiguration?

Answer: B. A high mountain (Mt. of Transfiguration)

Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John... up into an high mountain. (Matthew 17:1, KJV)

Q6. Which three were with Jesus in Gethsemane?

Answer: B. Peter, James, and John

Taketh with him Peter, and James, and John... and began to be sore amazed. (Mark 14:33, KJV)

Q7. What fire did James and John want to call down on a Samaritan village?

Answer: B. Fire from heaven

Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven? (Luke 9:54, KJV)

Q8. What did James and John (through their mother) request?

Answer: A. Seats on Jesus' right and left in His kingdom

Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. (Matthew 20:21, KJV)

Q9. Which king killed James the apostle with the sword?

Answer: C. Herod Agrippa I

Herod the king... killed James the brother of John with the sword. (Acts 12:2, KJV)

Q10. What unique distinction does James the apostle hold?

Answer: B. First of the Twelve to be martyred

He was the first of the Twelve apostles to die for the faith (Acts 12). (Acts 12:2, KJV)

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