

A man in a white shirt and dark pants is sitting on the floor, looking up at a large, glowing blue 'IO' logo. The logo is set against a dark, textured background. The man is sitting on the left side of the frame, next to a large, dark question mark. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a spotlight effect on the man and the logo.

IO

Information Overload

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

JESUS

INFORMATION OVERLOAD

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21:25

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

A small silhouette of a person sitting on the floor next to a large question mark.

DOUBTERS WELCOME



FRUSTRATION
Tired
PAIN
SUFFERING
GRIEF
STOP
SADNESS
Depression
Sorrow



James

CRITICAL

DOUBTER

(Matthew 13:55-56)



WHO IS HE?

He is the half brother of Jesus

Notice the girls are not given names

Also, Mary is mentioned by name but Joseph only by profession

James literally grew up listening to Jesus



DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

WHO IS HE?

James is listed first thus he would have been the boy born directly after Jesus

That means he would be the boy always living in the shadow of Jesus

It also meant when Jesus went into ministry mode James would have been next in line for all the family responsibilities



**DOUBTERS
WELCOME** 



NOT A FAN

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:46-50

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!



DEALING WITH HIS DOUBTS

James did not grow up believing in Jesus (John 7:5)

He and his family became believers (Acts 1:14)

James becomes a leader in the church
(Galatians 2:9)

This is how James saw himself (James 1:1)

**James, a servant of God and
of the Lord Jesus Christ**

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

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WHAT

HAPPENED?



DEALING WITH HIS DOUBTS

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles

1 Corinthians 15:7

Was just seeing your risen brother enough?

What was said?

Did you have to touch his hands and side?

Did you hug it out?



DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

DOUBT

**What we do know is James found
a way to overcome information
overload and have a real
relationship with Jesus**

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

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HIS ROLE IN JESUS' MINISTRY

He was a little late getting to the party

I already pointed out he became a leader in the church

He did write a book

It's one of the most practical and easy to understand books of the Bible

DOUBT

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!



DEALING WITH YOUR DOUBT

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:5-8

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!



LACK OF WISDOM

Interesting, he doesn't say get more information

He says become wise

He does not recommend know more instead his logic is put what you know into

PRACTICE



DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!

WITHOUT FINDING FAULT

The Mercy rule

God is not interested in judging you for your past

He just wants to be part of your present and future

**He describe God as generous and willing,
but he does not leave out...**



DOUBTERS?
WELCOME

THE NEED TO BELIEVE

VERSES THE SEA OF DOUBT

You think James knew anything about swimming in a sea of doubt?

Do you think he knew anything about being tossed about by life's winds?

Do you think he ever regretted not accepting his brother before the crucifixion?

DOUBTERS?
WELCOME!



SIMPLY

BETTER



DOUBLE-MINDED & UNSTABLE INFORMATION OVERLOAD



Wise Words from Jesus' **BIGGEST Doubter!**

**DOUBTERS
WELCOME**

