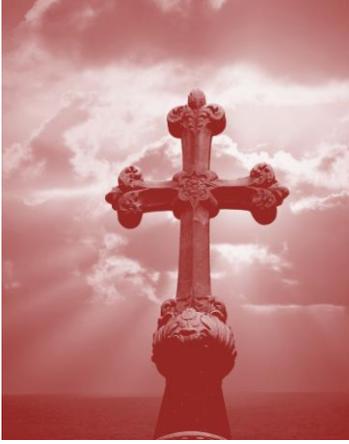


# James, the Younger

## “They were Called”



*“Consider the lilies how they grow. They toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Luke 12:27-31*

“One day after I had seen Jesus heal many people was a time I’ll never forget. Even evil spirits recognized Him as being from God and fell down and worshipped Him. But people were beginning to clamor to get closer to Him and He had to get away for a while. He climbed a mountain and invited twelve of us to go with him. He called us apostles and our mission for life was to proclaim the Good News, to banish demons, and to heal.

“I am known as James, the Younger. As soon as we came down, people started trying to get close to Him. They the authorities from Jerusalem started spreading rumors that He was doing magic. Jesus told them that they were wrong in their accusations, but they didn’t understand, anymore than we totally understood what we had been called to do. I had a very wonderful family. They all willingly accepted my being chosen by Jesus. In fact, if you will note Mark mentions that my mother was one of the women who stood at a distance and witnessed the death of Christ on the cross.

“After Jesus was crucified and had rose from His tomb, He appeared to the apostles several times and tried to teach us what we should do to keep His word alive forever so everyone could know who He was, and what He was able to offer us if we would only follow Him. One time, we were all together and one of us asked “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel Now? Is this the time?” You see, we had seen the greatest man to ever walk this earth, and still even with witnessing all the miracles and casting out of demons, we still didn’t understand. He told us that when it was time for God to reveal this to us, He would do it. He told us that a Holy Spirit would come into us and we would be able to do everything we were supposed to do and be His witnesses all over Judea and Samaria, even to the end of the world.

“I am satisfied that I did my job and Christ has recognized me as one of those who heard Him say “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into My Kingdom.”

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the beauty that we see around us every day. Help us to see not only the beauty of the flowers and nature, but help us to see the beauty in each other and then want to share our beauty, our talents with them so that all may know that You are our Lord and Savior and care for us each day, just as You do the small lily, and even more. Amen.

1. Are we blooming? What does it mean to compare us to a lily of the field?
2. Would it be easier to work in your own home town or go to a strange land where people didn’t know your history?
3. Are we using our talents for the Lord? If so, can we see the benefits?