

How You Treat What You See

One can stand on a railway platform and look at various pictures of trains, or, if you are the more studious type of person, you can peruse the timetable, and work out how much longer you will have to wait. When the train arrives, you can get on, and settle down for the ride. Never. Never. Never stand back and wait for the next one. This may be the last one to stop at the platform where you are standing.

We are going to look at two separate scenarios,

1. John the Baptist, who from birth was aware that he had a Divine Calling upon his life, but was prepared to await his full acceptance of a ride to Eternal Glory. John had purchased his ticket, but did not wish to board the ride to Eternity until he had rechecked the pictures, and the vessel stood before him.
2. James, who was looking at the picture to see what might be, and, because of the expectancy in Israel of a mighty event, was spending more time looking at the timetable, rather than getting his ticket, and boarding the life to Eternity.

“Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”, Matthew 11:2-3.

John the Baptist. John. A name designated by God for a male child yet to be conceived.

Jesus said of John, “Among them that are born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist...”, Matthew 11:11.

John said about Jesus, “He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe’s latchet I am not worthy to unloose”, John 1:27.

Then, on the following day, said of Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”, John 1:29.

Yet, a little over a year later, John sent some of his disciples to see if Jesus was The One, or was there yet another to come.

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much”, James 5:16

James, the Lord’s brother.

Whilst two Apostles were named James, James, the son of Zebedee, Matthew 4:21, and James, the son of Alphaeus, Matthew 10:3, a brother of Jesus is also named James.

Paul alludes to both Peter and James as pillars among the brethren, Galatians 2:9.

Initially, the brothers of Jesus were not prepared to accept Him as the Messiah.

Thus, with James, and also Jude, the Resurrection of their brother became the pivotal point of turning their unbelief into belief.

Two thousand years later, and with faith very much on the wane, we now have a physical object saying, what you looked at, and what you have heard, BOTH ARE TRUE.

That Jesus did have a brother by the name of James, has now been verified by a box some 51 cm by 31 cm by 25.5 cm containing the bones of a male person with a translated inscription 'James, the son of Joseph the brother of Jesus.

Friends. It is now time to board the train to Eternity, BUT DO NOT DETRAIN UNTIL YOU REACH THE JUNCTION AT THE END OF THE LINE.