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The “Brothers” of the Lord

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- **Mt 12:46** Behold his mother and his brethren stood outside, seeking to speak to him.
- **Jn 2:12** After this, He and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum ...
- **Jn 7:2-3** But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near. So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea ...”
- **Acts 1:14** ... devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of **Jesus, and his brothers.**

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□ **Mt 13:55** Is not his mother named **Mary** and his brothers **James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?** Are not his sisters all with us?”
(*Maria kai autos adelphos Iakobos kai Iose kai Simon kai Ioudas*)

□ **Mk 6:3** Is He not the carpenter, the son of **Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?** And are not his sisters here with us?
(*kai Iakobos kai Ioses kai Ioudas kai Simon*)

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□ **Mt 27:55-56** There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. **Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.**

□ **Mk 15:40** There were also women looking on from a distance. **Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome.**

*... Maria meter
**lakobos mikros kai
loses kai Salome***

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- **Jn 19:25** Standing by the cross of Jesus were **his mother** and **his mother's sister, Mary [the wife] of Cleopas, and Mary of Magdala**

Greek: *Maria ho Klopas*

MT	Mary Magdalene	Mary mother of James and Joseph	Mother of the sons of Zebedee	
Mk	Mary Magdalene	Mary mother of James and Joses	Salome	
Jn	Mary of Magdala	Mary's sister Mary of Cleopas		BVM

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Jn 19:25
read with Mt 27, Mk 15

This Mary is BVM's sister
Mary of Cleopas

They Are NOT sons of BVM

James the Apostle

- **Son of Alphaeus** - Mt 10:3, Mk 3:18, Acts 1:13
- Son of a Mary (Mk 15:40 ...) *Maria meter Iakobos mikros* (**Mary the mother of James mikros**).
- Mk 15:40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and **Mary the mother of James the less [KJV]** (the younger James [NAB]) and of Joses, and Salome

James the Brother

- Mk 15:40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of **James the less and of Joses**, and Salome
- **Since** the Mother of James the Less an Apostle, is also the Mother of James, the brother of Joses - who are brothers of the Lord, **then:**
 - **James the Less and James the Brother are the same person.**

This - James

- **Acts 15 - The Bishop of Jerusalem.** First Bishop
- **Martyred** by being thrown from the Parapet of the Temple
- Author of the **Epistle of James**
- **Buried** main altar in Armenian ***cathedral of St James in Jerusalem*** and in the ***Church of the 12 Apostles in Rome*** (there, along with Apostle Philip).

Matthew - Levi

- Known by **both Names** - Lk 5:27, Mk 2:14, Mt 9:9
- **Son of Alpheus** - Mk 2:14
- Alpheus is **also the father of James the Less, an Apostle** - Mt 12:2-4
- Both have Alpheus as a father, but **Matthew is not listed as a son of Mary of Cleopas**, the mother of James the Less.
- **Matthew has a different mother**, and is therefore ***half-brother to James the Less*** (brother of the Lord)

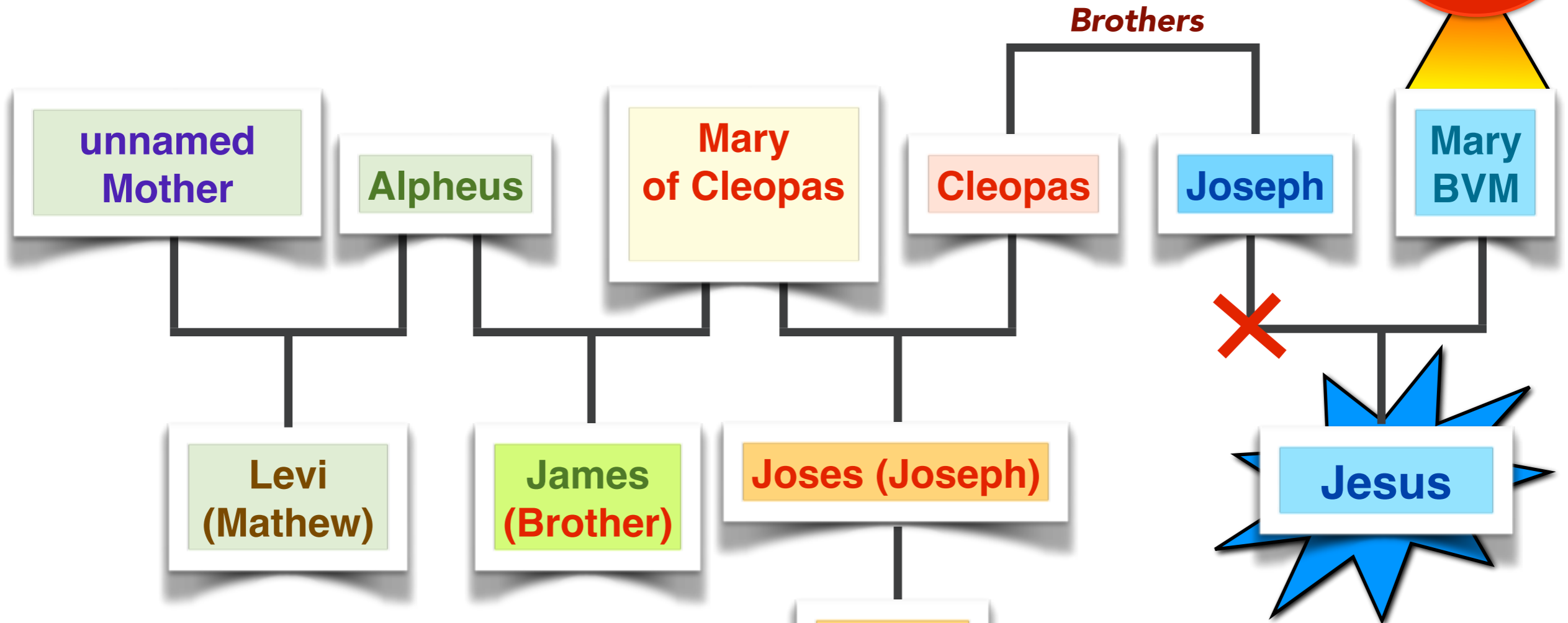
Cleopas

- **Hegesippus**, **knew *grandchildren of Jude***, son of Cleopas, and Mary of Cleopas.
- Hegesippus documented that **Cleopas was brother of Joseph** the spouse of the BVM.
(Hist. Eccl., III, xi)
- Therefore, St John's Gospel description that Mary of Cleopas was the sister of BVM is clarified - **The two Marys were sisters-in-law.**
- James, Joses, Simon, Jude were **cousins** of Jesus.

Simon - brother of James

- **Simon** was the ***Second Bishop of Jerusalem***, after the death of his brother James.
- Thus, ***two brothers of the Lord (cousins) were the first two Bishops of Jerusalem.***
- Simon, was also **martyred**.

PROBABLE RELATIONSHIPS



Levi / Matthew
 Lk 5:27
 Mk 2:14
 Mt 9:9

Lists of Apostles
 Mt 10:3
 Mk 3:18
 Lk 6:15
 Acts 1:13
Brother = Apostle?
 Mk 15:40
 Gal 1:19-2:9

Crucifixion
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