Salvation Theatre

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Salvation Theatre finished viewing the movie "Jesus" that we started watching last week. We have found it interesting that in all the movies on Jesus that we've seen, none show that he actually did have earthly siblings, half-brothers and half-sisters. Two scriptures in particular mention his family members.

- Mark 6:2-3; "When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, 'Where did this man get these things, and what is the wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?' And they took offense at Him,"
- Matthew 13:55-56 says; "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

According to Acts 1:13-14, Jesus family came to believe He was the Messiah and the author includes them as they waited in Jerusalem before Pentecost as Jesus had commanded them to do.

• "And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John and Andres; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."

Jesus brother James actually is mentioned in Acts 12:17 & 15:13 and is generally known as the leader of the church at Jerusalem. He is also the author of the book of James in the Bible.

It's definitely a topic of conversation around the water cooler as many people don't believe it or don't know this. It speaks to the fact that Mary did not remain a virgin after Jesus was born, but that she and Joseph had a beautiful family together.

