

Interesting Facts About James

AUTHOR: Not absolutely certain. Many attribute it to Paul.

TIME WRITTEN: Somewhere between A.D. 64 and 68

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 59th Book in the Bible
- 20th Book in the New Testament
- 15th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 7 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 5

VERSES: 108

WORDS: 2,309

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JAMES:

- James:
 - Was the Lord's brother. Matthew 13:55; Galatians 1:19
 - Was one of the "pillars" in the church in Jerusalem.
 - He was a central figure at the Jerusalem council in Acts 15.
 - According to Josephus, James suffered a martyr's violent death in A.D. 62
- The Book of James is addressed to Hebrew Christians outside of Palestine, "to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad." 1:1
- The Book of James may be one of the earliest writings in the New Testament.
 - There is no mention of Gentile Christians or their relationship to Jewish Christians.
 - James does not mention the issues that were discussed during the Acts 15 council at Jerusalem.
- There are about 15 indirect references to the Sermon on the Mount in the Book of James.
- James is the proverbs of the New Testament.
- In the Book of James:
 - "Faith" occurs 12 times.

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- "Works" occurs 13 times.
- "Doer" occurs 5 times.
- James has a lot to say about faith.
 - Faith without works can not be called faith at all.
 - Faith without works is dead, and a dead faith is worse than no faith at all.
 - Faith must work.
 - Faith must produce.
 - Faith must be visible.
 - Faith displays itself in works.
 - Faith is more than mere words.
 - Faith is more than knowledge.
 - Faith is demonstrated by obedience.
 - Faith overtly responds to the promises of God.
 - Verbal faith is not enough, and mental faith is insufficient.
 - Faith must be there, but it must be more, it must inspire action.
 - Faith endures trials.
 - Faith obeys the Word. It will not merely hear and not do.
 - Faith helps control the tongue.
 - Faith gives one the ability to choose wisdom that is heavenly and to shun wisdom that is earthly.
 - Faith gives one with the ability to resist the devil and to humbly draw near to God.
 - Faith provides one with the ability to resist the devil and to humbly draw near to God.
 - Faith waits patiently for the coming of the Lord.

