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.
- “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.
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- Faith waits patiently for the coming of the Lord.