

The Purpose of James (Jam. 1:1)

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Review

The James who authored this letter was the _____ of Jesus.

James and Jesus' other siblings did not believe in or even _____ Jesus during His ministry.

After the resurrection, Jesus _____ to James personally.

James eventually became the foremost _____ of the Jerusalem church. In spite of his prominence, what stands out in v. 1 is James's _____.

The most probable time period for James's writing is A.D. _____.

James's primary audience were those _____ believers who had fled because of _____ and were still suffering trials because of their faith.

Criticisms of James

Some accuse James of being _____, as if that somehow *disqualifies* this book.

James' _____ in the letter dictated the amount of _____ theological teaching that he included.

James does not develop new _____, but reminds readers of accepted truths; it does not expound doctrines, but exhorts to _____.

Though Jesus is only named _____, His presence is infused throughout the epistle, which constantly _____ His teaching.

Paul was battling an _____ emphasis on works, while James was combatting an _____ emphasis on works.

What Type of Book Is James?

Usually, people try to fit it into one of the following _____:

1. _____ (epistle)

2. _____ (wisdom)

3. _____ (homily)

James is a _____ filled with practical _____ written in the form of a _____ that was to be circulated among churches whose members primarily had a _____ background.

The Main Theme of James

James uses a type of structure that employs "_____ " of material that builds up to and surrounds a main, _____ theme.

James _____ is the peak of the discourse and the primary theme.

Notes on why we come to this conclusion:

This main theme begins with a question: "Who is _____ in understanding among you?"

Things that make this section different from the rest of the book:

In each of the paragraphs in the book, a moral behavior is _____ and the opposite behavior is _____.

To James, the _____ described in 3:13-18 that comes from above to those who ask God for it (1:5) will be displayed in fruitful _____.

James' concern is with the _____ getting into the church.

The subject of this sermon written as a letter is _____ wisdom vs. _____ wisdom.